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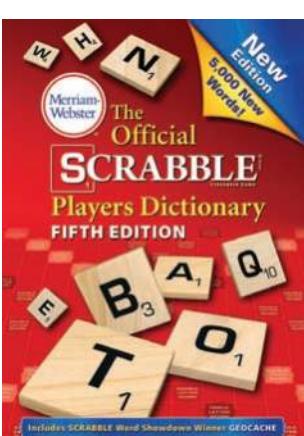
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\$2B casino deal likely today

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A whopping \$2 billion casino development agreement negotiation is likely to wrap up as early as today, following the Lottery Commission's active engagement with Best Sunshine International Ltd. on remaining contentious issues during portions of their three-hour executive session yesterday. Commission chair Sixto Igisomar said today's meeting would bring them to ask Best Sunshine, "Do you accept or not?"

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Hocog to submit petition to DOT this week

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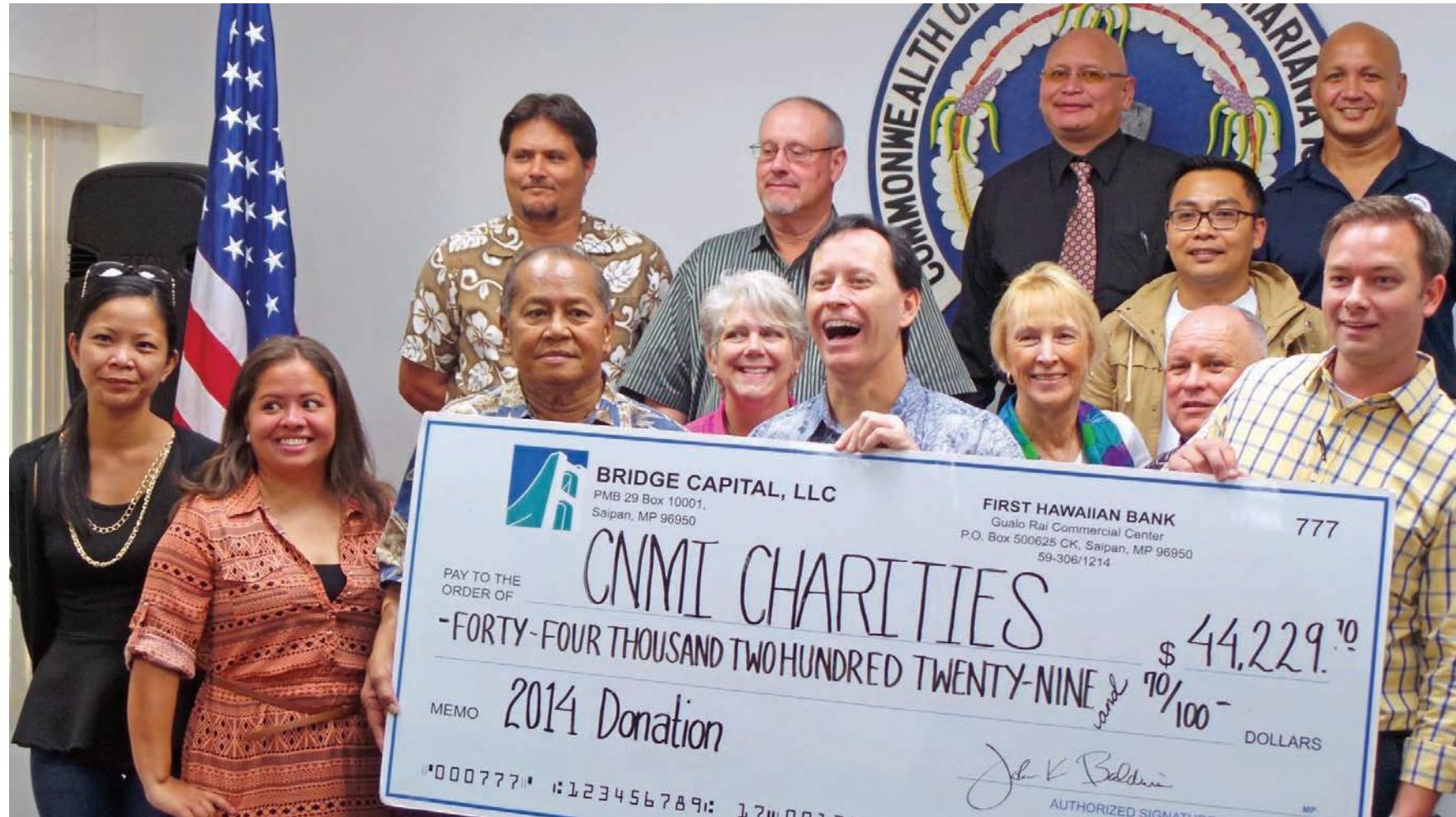
The petition against Cape Air/United that is being spearheaded by Rose Hocog was to be forwarded to the consumer counsel of the Office of the Attorney General but she was told that the office has no jurisdiction over airlines.

"[The assistant attorney general] said we would have to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Transportation," Hocog said.

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In a message delivered on social media to "frustrated Cape Air customers," Hocog said she would file the complaint with the department by the end of this week.

The OAG's consumer counsel is assistant attorney general Ghassan Harb. Under consumer protection law in the CNMI, the office is allowed to settle any disputes between merchants and consumers, as well as prosecute those who have conducted business practices that are harmful or



Bridge Capital donates \$26K to 18 CNMI entities

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The gift-giving holiday came early for 18 non-profit groups and other entities after Bridge Capital LLC gave away \$26,000 yesterday, bringing to \$44,229.70 the international investment banking and asset

» **Company's total donations so far this year now over \$44K**

management firm's total donations to the local community so far this year.

Shawn Scott, manager and co-owner of Bridge Capital, led the brief donation ceremony that he said is their way of "giving back" to the community where they operate. The international financial company is

headquartered on Saipan.

A team within Bridge Capital reviews requests for donations throughout the year, and a majority of those do receive donations. These are groups that have the greatest impact on the community, including in the areas of education, health care, arts and culture, and crime prevention.

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos, third from left, joins Bridge Capital LLC manager and co-owner Shawn Scott, center, in presenting Bridge Capital's check donations to 18 non-profit groups and other entities yesterday. Scott says this is the international financing firm's way of giving back to the CNMI community.

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Probable cause found to charge home invasion suspect

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho found probable cause yesterday to warrant the filing of charges against Alonso Uchol Pedro Jr., a member of a cultural dance group who allegedly broke into

a house and beat up a woman. Pedro is facing charges of burglary, assault and battery, criminal mischief, criminal trespass, and disturbing the peace. He will be arraigned on Aug. 11 at 9am.

Pedro, 20, was remanded into

the custody of the Department of Corrections. He has been in detention after failing to post a \$100,000 cash bail.

Assistant public defender Mike Sato served as counsel for Pedro.

At the hearing, assistant at-

torney general Margo Brown-Badawy called to the stand police detective Elias Q. Saralu, the case agent of the case.

Saralu testified that the victim, an Asian woman, sustained lacerations and bruises on the

right side of her head, and abrasions on her left bicep and back.

Saralu said the cut on the victim's head required six stitches, her middle finger nail almost came off, her left arm was bruised, and she had scratches on the back, as well as neck pain.

Saralu said police officers were dispatched to the Bay View Apartment in San Vicente last July 20 at 5:41am in response to an injured person case. When the officers arrived at the scene, medics were already attending to the victim.

Saralu said that in an interview the following day, the victim related that she was sleeping on the couch in the living room of her apartment between 5:30am to 6am when she heard a noise coming from outside the front door.

When the victim looked out from the living room window, she saw a man, later identified as Pedro, trying to open the front door of her apartment. A neighbor then arrived to help the victim.

Saralu said the victim disclosed that prior to the incident, she saw the suspect twice roaming in the parking lot of the apartment.

The victim bit Pedro's left arm, but he continued choking her. She struggled for five to 10 minutes. The suspect then hit the victim with an object, causing her to lose consciousness. She regained consciousness after a few seconds and saw the suspect pick something up from the ground and ran out.

A neighbor then arrived to help the victim.

Saralu said the victim identified Pedro in a phone line-up.

Saralu said Pedro was also investigated for a rape case that happened in San Vicente in June. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Former Tinian cop in 'ice' case freed from supervised release

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered yesterday that Gilbert S. N. Macaranas—a former Tinian police officer who served a six-month prison term for distributing methamphetamine or "ice"—be discharged from supervised release.

Manglona also terminated the proceedings in Macaranas' case after the U.S. Probation Office reported that the defendant has complied with the conditions of his supervised release.

Macaranas' supervised release expired on June 1, 2014. U.S. Probation Officer Melinda

B. Santos recommended to the court that the defendant be discharged.

On Dec. 7, 2010, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge WM. Fremming Neilsen slapped Macaranas with a six-month prison term.

Neilsen ordered that after

completing the prison term, Macaranas shall be placed on supervised release for three years.

The judge prohibited the former police officer from, among other things, gambling and playing at poker machines, during his probation. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Flights cancellation affects some proceedings at the federal court

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The cancellation of flights between Guam and Saipan has been affecting some criminal proceedings in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

On Monday afternoon, the U.S. Marshal failed to bring defendant Mariano K. Pangelinan from Guam to the federal court on Saipan for a restitution hearing.

U.S. Marshal Don Hall told the court that Pangelinan is in Guam for his sentence designation.

Because of issues with the Cape Air flights, Hall said they are finding it difficult to bring Pangelinan to Saipan.

Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton argued in support of the U.S. government's motion to continue the restitution hearing. Court-appointed counsel David Banes joined in on the U.S. government's motion.

Naughton and Banes both asked that the hearing be continued to mid- or late September.

The lawyers also cited the need for Banes to meet with his client and review the U.S. government's evidence with respect to restitution.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona disclosed that there are seven individuals (victims) that have been identified by name, amount, and on what basis.

Banes said he would like to go over these names and amounts with Pangelinan.

Looking at possible dates of the next hearing, Manglona asked if it's possible for Banes to travel to Guam in order to meet Pangelinan.

Banes stated that it was possible, but he was concerned about flight issues. The judge agreed with him.

U.S. probation officer Margarita Wonenberg stated that in a case like this, their officer will normally file a memorandum as to the victims and specific amounts, and that she anticipates the memorandum will be filed by Sept. 16, 2014.

After hearing from both counsels, Manglona reset the restitution hearing to Sept. 23, 2014.

Pangelinan, 71, a job-placement agency owner, was sentenced to six months in prison in May after pleading guilty to charges that he conspired with two of his then employees in filing petitions for CNMI-Only Transitional Worker permits (CW1) for some aliens that fraudulently named the company as the workers' employer.

The indictment charged Pangelinan, Rosabella P. Cruz, and Helen N. Aparente with one count of conspiracy to commit visa fraud and to defraud the U.S.

In addition, Pangelinan was charged with 17 counts of visa fraud, Cruz with 13 counts of visa fraud and one count of false statement, and Aparente with four counts of visa fraud.

Pangelinan signed a plea deal with the U.S. government and pleaded guilty to a count of conspiracy to commit visa fraud and to defraud the U.S.

Pangelinan was the alleged primary corporate officer of ARCH International Co. Ltd., which held itself out as a job-placement agency that could help aliens in need of CW-1 permits find employment and obtain CW-1 permits.

TO HELP TRANSITION TO NEW MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Parents are being urged to register their kids early

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Parents of students entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades this new school year are being encouraged to register their children early, in order to avoid students getting lost in the shuffle as zoning shifts students to middle schools they may not know they are supposed to attend.

Reo Arriola, vice principal of the newly configured Dandan Middle School, imagined a scenario where students would arrive prepared for the first day of school, but not show on the school's registration lists.

"That's kind of what we're anticipating, and we're hoping to...lessen that by parents coming in and registering early. If you live in an area, just give us

a call and say, 'Hey is my child registered already?'" he said.

He said the issue may be the same not only for Dandan but also with other new middle schools.

"I know [enrollment numbers] are going to get higher once school starts, but it will be nice to encourage the public, not only for Dandan Middle School but also for all middle schools

as well to come in," he said.

He said the middle school transition is much simpler for fifth graders moving on to sixth grade, as counterpart elementary and middle schools—San Vicente will take on Dandan elementary students, and Dandan Middle School will take San Vicente's previous fifth graders—will just have to compare rosters.

While it would be the same process for sixth grade to seventh grade students, it may not be for upcoming eighth graders.

"The eighth graders are an issue because we're not really sure how many from Hopwood will be coming over," he said.

Arriola explained that while schools may have student information available on emergency cards, families move

and change locations so that a student they contact for registration who was listed as living in Dandan may now live in Koblerville and have to register with San Antonio Middle School.

He said schools rely on parents to know the zones they live in and where that zone places their child for middle school.

Japanese homestayers head home

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The Saipan Mayor's Office bade farewell to 19 Japanese homestay students and their chaperones on Monday, Aug. 4, after hosting a "Sayonara" party at the Minatchom Attdao on Saturday.

One of the chaperones, 21-year-old Keitaro Kuramoto, said he enjoyed immersing himself in Saipan's culture.

"I learned so much history from World War II and I am from Hiroshima in Japan and was saddened by the war's outcome but I am happy because the culture here is so different and better," Kuramoto said.

Kuramoto assists another chaperone, Minoru Taniguchi, 52, and the mayor's office staff, including program coordinator Joann Aquino, in organizing the students' activities.

Kuramoto said that 10 host families hosted the students.

One student, Sora Midorikawa, 12, said that he has been to Saipan six times under

the program and that he will continue to come back to Saipan because he enjoys the culture and the people.

"I learned so much about the culture here on Saipan and that the people here are very supportive," Midorikawa said in Japanese.

Taniguchi said this is his fifth time as a chaperone and that they have been doing the exchange program for over 30 years.

Taniguchi noted that Saipan students visit Japan as well for exchange and that they want to continue this longstanding tradition between both nations.

"We want to continue this for years to come and more for future generations because it is a good experience and it is important to understand the history between us and also promote cultural exchange around the world," he said.

The 19 Japanese students arrived on Saipan on July 28 and are under the International Youth Association of Japan/Kokusai Seishonen Kenshu Kyokai.



JAYSON CAMACHO

Nineteen students, along with lead chaperone Minoru Taniguchi, far right; Saipan Mayor's Office program coordinator Joann Aquino, second from left, back row; and 2014 Liberation Queen Pressel Camacho, third from right, back row, prepare to go to Managaha for recreational swimming last Friday.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS RECRUITMENT FAIR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015.

Positions needed are:

1. Classroom Teachers for Kinder through 5th for Elementary, Middle School and High School in various content areas (English, Science, Math, Technology, Career and Technical Education (Cooperative Education Teachers), Special Education
2. School Counselor Positions
3. Mental Health Service

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The recruitment fairs are scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on the dates listed below.

Saipan Dates

July 17-18 - Multi-Purpose Center
August 7-8 - Multi-Purpose Center

Rota Dates

July 25
Dr. Rita Hocog Inos
Junior High School

Tinian Dates

July 25
Tinian Elementary School



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93 candidates on the eve of today's filing deadline

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At least 93 individuals have already filed their candidacies as of yesterday, a day before to-

day's deadline to submit nominating petitions for the Nov. 4 general elections.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert Guerrero said that indi-

viduals seeking public office still have until 6pm tonight to file their nominating petitions.

The commission is extending its office hours today to accommodate last-minute filers.

Among those who filed their candidacies yesterday afternoon is attorney Steve Woodruff, who is seeking a Saipan senatorial seat.

The Election Commission is also reminding CNMI residents that are U.S. citizens and who would like to register to vote for the Nov. 4 general elections that the last day to register is Sept. 5.

To register, visit the Com-

monwealth Election Commission office in Susupe, which is open from Monday to Friday, except holidays, from 8am to 4pm, and on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.

On the last day of registration on Friday, Sept. 5, the Commission office will be open until 6pm. For more information, call 664-VOTE (8683) or visit www.votecnmi.gov.mp.

Guerrero reiterated that the drawing of candidates' numbers is on Tuesday, Aug. 12, while the Election Commission board will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 13, to certify the candidacies.

Distressed swimmers rescued in Guam

TUMON, Guam—Sailors from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 conducted a search and rescue operation and rescued two distressed swimmers, one male and one female, off the coast of Gun Beach on Aug. 5 at approximately 2:20pm.

HSC-25 received a request from U.S. Coast Guard Sec-

tor Guam about 1:40pm. A Navy MH-60S Knighthawk was then launched from Andersen Air Force Base and the crew retrieved the female swimmer with a hoist. Navy personnel brought the patient to U.S. Naval Hospital Guam for treatment.

Guam Fire and Rescue re-

trieved the male swimmer via jet ski and transported the patient to shore for treatment.

"This rescue was the culmination of a team effort between our U.S. Coast Guard partners, Guam Fire and Rescue and the Island Knights," said Cmdr. Stephen Merritt, executive officer of HSC-25. "The rapid response to the swimmer in distress was only possible due to the dedicated training by our pilots, aircrew

and maintenance professionals here on the island of Guam and the CNMI. We appreciate the continued support from the Guam community."

HSC-25 is the Navy's only forward-deployed MH-60S expeditionary squadron that maintains a 24-hour search and rescue and medical evacuation alert posture, directly supporting the U.S. Coast Guard and Joint Region Marianas.

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Terence Tay, Best Sunshine's chief operating officer, is also hoping that the negotiations would be "really soon, but it all depends on the commission."

"Definitely we are moving closer to a resolution," Tay said.

Igisomar, after emerging from the executive session at 5:27pm, said the negotiations will continue at 10am today but they are much closer now to closing the deal.

In the course of the executive session, the commission called in Tay a few times inside the conference room for questions and clarifications on the draft casino development agreement that, if signed, would bind the CNMI and Best Sunshine for up to 40 years.

The other commissioners at the meeting were Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero, and Attorney General-nominee Gilbert Birnbrich. Also present was commission counsel Jim Stump.

Igisomar said it's taking the commission this long because they have been going back and forth with Best Sunshine on the draft agreement's provisions—from unanticipated developments to the choice of words.

"We made a...not final offer but sort of certain writing of what may be acceptable to

move forward," Igisomar said. Igisomar, also the Commerce secretary, said at some point the negotiations would have to end and not having the parties doing and saying the same things "over and over again."

"And it is a matter of semantics—which word is better... and I think it has to close. I'm really hoping that [Wednesday] we'll just close it," he added.

Igisomar said the commission could have asked Best Sunshine late yesterday afternoon whether they accept the latest draft of the agreement but decided to hold off on it until today, giving the parties additional time to think the deal over.

"There are just one or two items that are very important and substantial. It is substantially significant for Best Sunshine and is something valuable to us. And it is a matter of mitigating how much of that commitment can we actually share. ... It is about what we are willing to give up in its parameters and what Best Sunshine is willing to give up. And [today] we'll find out if Best Sunshine is favorable," he said.

Locations of the hotels and casinos, along with the number of locations, is among the most contentious issues. Tay said they will build at least 2,000 rooms and invest more than the \$3-billion minimum required by law.

If and when a casino development agreement is signed



Lottery Commission chair Sixto Igisomar, left, confers with fellow commissioners Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson and Attorney General-nominee Gilbert Birnbrich, along with counsel Jim Stump, right, yesterday on Capital Hill.

Saipan casino license.

However, Best Sunshine could get other businesses to help with certain aspects of operations such as for hotels and food and beverage, a common practice.

He also said at this point, working with junket operators is not being ruled out.

As for the draft integrated casino resort development agreement, he said the "devil is always in the details and these details, we are working out with the Lottery Commission."

At the beginning of yesterday's meeting, the commission didn't receive any public comment. The commission also adopted the minutes of their meetings held on May 1, 8, 12, 13, 16 and 20, as well as on June 12 and 19.

new airfare rates would be understandable," he said.

Another customer claimed that because the airline has a "monopoly" on flights between Guam and Saipan, they feel they have no reason to be concerned about the "unreasonable fares" and service they provide.

This week, Cape Air cancelled flights up to the Aug. 6. The previous run of cancelled flights occurred as recently as last week and the previous weekend, with flights cancelled up to July 31.

United's press release on Monday cited no reason for the flight cancellations. Last week's flights were attributed to "mechanical issues." Efforts to obtain more details about these "mechanical "issues" were unsuccessful.

HOCOG

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unfair to its consumers.

Hocog said that she was told that a press release from the OAG regarding the filing of complaints would be issued soon.

The U.S. DOT allows letters or complaint forms to be submitted online on its Aviation Consumer Protection and Enforcement website. Complaints are entered into DOT's aviation system and charged to the company in question through the Air Travel Consumer Report, made available to the airline industry and public every month.

According to the DOT website, complaints will be re-

viewed to determine the extent to which carriers are in compliance with federal aviation consumer protection regulations.

Hocog's petition began in June and has since collected over 200 signatures online.

In an earlier interview, Hocog said that Cape Air's constant mechanical issues are provoking concerns about the safety of passengers and crew.

"I am calling for [government agencies] to force Cape Air to get a new and better airplane and improve their services and to do so without raising their price," she said.

The online petition cites how CNMI residents pay up to \$400 for roundtrip tickets to Guam but do not receive the kind of service they deserve for the amount of money paid.

Based on statements posted online, disruption of and inconvenience in family, business, and professional life are some of the various reasons cited for supporting Hocog's petition.

One customer, Pepe Liwanaq of Saipan, cited United's "inconsiderate" and "additional fees."

John Kyle Pangelinan, who lives in Guam, said the prices for flights between Guam and Saipan "make no sense" and are "ridiculous" given the unreliability in aircraft service.

"I was one of the people who endured the 4-5 delays in a single night because their aircraft had service issues. I choose not to fly home [to Saipan] frequently because I don't feel safe riding their planes. Purchase new aircrafts, United, and your

"On behalf of all the employees of Bridge Capital and my partner, John Baldwin, I would like to join Gov. [Eloy S.] Eloy Inos in recognizing all of the terrific organizations here today that work so hard to make the CNMI a better place for all of us," Scott told the donation recipients.

He also said Bridge Capital is honored to be a part of important and worthwhile endeavors of these individuals and organizations since 2006.

"We look forward to our continued partnership to make our home, the CNMI, a better place for everyone," Scott added.

Inos and other government officials witnessed the donation ceremony, along with recipients that packed the governor's conference room. The governor also thanked Bridge Capital for helping out.

The Commonwealth Health-care Corp.'s Hemodialysis Center and CNMI Drug Task Force got the largest amount yesterday of \$5,000 each from Bridge Capital.

The 16 others got a check of \$1,000 each. These include the CNMI Nursing Association, CNMI Fire and EMS Association, Department of Public Safety's Bike Patrol, Carolinian Affairs Office, Center for Independent Living, and CNMI Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Other recipients included the Commonwealth Cancer Association, Friends of the Arts, Hopwood Junior High School, CNMI Council for the Humanities, Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, PAWS Animal Welfare, Rota High School, Tinian High School, Guma Esperanza and Crime Stoppers.

Representatives of most of these entities were present to receive the donations.

Economic development

In an interview after the ceremony, Scott said the CNMI economy is picking up and Bridge Capital looks forward to playing a role in the Commonwealth's further economic development.

While they are not involved directly in electronic gaming, video lottery, or casino at this stage, Scott said they are happy to be able to "provide financing to people who are maybe working in the industry."

He believes the key to economic development is supporting the business community and encouraging businesses to invest in the CNMI.

"I think so far we've been doing a good job of it. We can always do better and we strive to do better," he added.

Humanities projects

Scott Russell, executive director of the NMI Humanities Council, said they will use the donated money for upcoming programs, although they have yet to decide which specific programs, especially because there are at least three new ones slated for fiscal year 2015.

The NMI Humanities Council, which has always been a recipient of Bridge Capital's donations, will be hosting the 3rd Annual Marianas History Conference. Another one is to mark the centennial of a Samoan chief's "extraordinary voyage" to the Marianas.

"It's a well remembered event in Samoa because he was the youngest chief and he didn't get permission and he took off on his own," Russell said.

He said the young Samoan chief also paddled from Saipan and then to Rota, before heading to Guam.

The Samoan chief learned German on Saipan, "with the understanding that he was going to get a job when he went back to Samoa with the German colonial administration but World War I intervened and the Germans were out and English-speaking New Zealanders were in," Russell said.

He said the chief decided he would learn to speak English and the best place to do that was in Guam.

"So he paddled to Guam, got himself a job [there] with the Navy...until 1919 and by the time he could speak English, he asked them to take him back to Samoa and he had a career in government," Russell said, adding that the chief passed away in the 1960s.

Senate shelves rebate cut; OKs cigarette tax hike, tax amnesty

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Senators shelved yesterday on Rota a bill reducing the income tax rebate, essentially killing it at least for now. But senators passed two other revenue-generating bills that provide tax amnesty and raise cigarette tax by 75 cents and then by another \$1 three years later.

Both of the revenue-generating bills are now headed to Gov. Eloy S. Inos for action.

Also heading to the governor after the Senate's passage yesterday is a bill that vests the Commonwealth Health-

Possible SHEFA aid for NMFI scholars to be decided soon

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The Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance is close to deciding whether to provide financial aid to students of the Northern Marianas Trade Institute.

SHEFA administrator Merissa S. Rasa told *Saipan Tribune* the amendments to SHEFA regulations that would address NMFI applicants seeking SHEFA assistance hasn't been decided yet.

The SHEFA board earlier said it needs more information from NMFI in order to come up with a policy that would address the issue because SHEFA's rules exclude grants for trade and vocational schools.

Rasa said that, as soon as this

care Corp. with some 38,574 square meters of public lands adjacent to the hospital, but strictly for the construction of medical facilities directly associated with the corporation's operations.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and other senators said the Senate also confirmed the governor's two appointees to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board of directors: Eric C. San Nicolas and Evelyn M. Mendiola. The vote was 8-0 each. Only Sen. Frank Borja (Ind-Tinian) was absent.

By a vote of 8-0, senators shelved House Speaker Joseph

Deleon Guerrero's (Ind-Saipan) House Bill 18-69, House Substitute 1, which cuts the income tax rebate from 90 percent to 70 percent at the highest rebate level with proportional reduction at the lower levels.

The bill, which the Fiscal Affairs Committee recommended for passage, would have reduced rebates from the Northern Marianas Territorial Income Tax and appropriated the revenues from Chapter 7 tax to the Fund's defined benefit plan members.

Cigarette tax hike, tax amnesty

Senators passed by a 7-0 vote Rep. Tony Sablan's (Ind-

is determined by the Programs and Development Committee and Policy/Procedure Committee, she would have information on the issue at hand.

"We are hoping to complete this by the end of this month," she said.

Rasa also disclosed that about 1,605 applicants have applied for SHEFA aid for the fall semester.

SHEFA applications for new applicants were due on July 1 and the deadline to submit supporting documents is on Sept. 30.

Rasa said that on-island students who are approved for grant-in-aid assistance will get \$800 while off-island students will receive \$1,200.

"As for the priority fields award, for on-island it is \$1,000 and so is off-island. Then for

the merit incentive award, on-island is \$1,000 and off-island is \$1,500," she said.

Rasa said that they are now reviewing all applications.

"So far, the first batch that went up this week included less than 100 applications," she said.

Rasa noted that as soon as more applications are completed, SHEFA will be able to review them and if approved they will be placed on a check request listing for submission to the Finance secretary for approval and processing.

"Every week starting this week, batches for check requests will be submitted to Finance secretary for processing until all awards are received, usually by mid-October," Rasa said.

Under a tax amnesty program, taxpayers may request for the waiver of penalty and interest imposed on late-filed returns, under-reported income, and delinquent tax liabilities.

Senators also passed a conference committee version of

HB 18-118, which increases

the CNMI's cigarette tax from

the current \$2 to \$2.75 for three

years, and then to \$3.75 after

that. The vote was 8-0.

The bill, authored by House

floor leader Ralph Demapan

(Cov-Saipan), seeks to gradually raise the cigarette tax to discourage cigarette smoking while at the same time fund cancer treatment programs and the government health insurance as a result of a tax hike.

The original bill would have increased the cigarette tax by an outright \$2, doubling the current tax to \$4. But a "compromise" version produced by

a six-member House and Senate committee made it a gradual increase of \$1.75 spread out in four years.

A pack of cigarettes that retails for \$3.75 right now could go up to \$4.50 once the bill is signed into law.

The compromise bill reserves 3 percent of excise taxes collected for cancer treatment and programs. That 3 percent comes from a decrease in excise tax percentage collected for the solid waste

management program, from 10 percent to now 7 percent. Moreover, 50 percent of all excise taxes collected from this will be deposited into an account to fund the payment of the CNMI government's share of the Group Health and Life Insurance benefits and for enforcement.

CHC land

Also by a vote of 8-0, the Senate passed Rep. Mario Taitano's (Ind-Saipan) HB 18-156, HD1, vesting CHC with public land adjacent to the hospital. Over the years, the same tract of land has been eyed for a shopping mall and a federal courthouse, among other possible uses.

The governor has been saying that the Department of Public Lands is vested with the proper disposition of public lands, but there is no telling whether he would sign or veto the bill.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works



INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW/FHWA-14-IFB-001

SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT (FF&E) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, TSD/FHWA BRANCH, SAIPAN, PROJECT NO. FY-14(001)

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofsneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Supply, delivery, Installation of Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E) for the Department of Public Works, TSD/FHWA Branch, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after, July 23, 2014, at the DPW Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor-Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasury and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capital Hill.

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Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on August 8, 2014, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on August 22, 2014 to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid. The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW/FHWA-14-IFB-001". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time September 3, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time September 4, 2014, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 3, 2014 and must be received no later than September 12, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, September 15, 2014. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on September 3, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations §70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- Cash
- US Gov't Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of Five Hundred Dollars (US\$500.00) for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

VICENTE C. CABRERA
Acting Director of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAM
Director of Procurement & Supply

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW-14-IFB-005

TEXAS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, SAIPAN, CNMI

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofsneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Texas Road Improvements, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after August 6, 2014 at Department of Public works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasury and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capital Hill.

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Guam corp. found liable to pay \$220K to CNMI subcontractor

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona yesterday entered a judgment holding a Guam corporation liable to pay its CNMI subcontractor \$220,493.44.

Manglona issued the judg-

ment in favor of GPPC Inc. and against defendants Vector Works Corp., also known as Vector Works Design & Builders Inc., and Vector Works sole shareholder and director Kazuhiko Ishizeki,

after the parties agreed to the judgment amount to settle their dispute.

GPPC had sued the defendants for breach of contract and demanded contractual pre-judgment interest, attorney's fees,

and court costs.

Manglona said that interest on the unpaid judgment amount shall continue to accrue at the rate of 10 percent per annum, compounded monthly.

The judge said GPPC is enti-

tled to enforce the judgment by any legal means such as filing a petition for writ of attachment and/or execution, judgment lien, foreclosure sale and/or order in aid of judgment.

Ishizeki and GPPC counsel Mark B. Hanson signed the stipulation to a judgment that will resolve all claims in GPPC's lawsuit filed in federal court.

According to court papers, Ishizeki, on behalf of himself and Vector Works, executed and

delivered to GPPC on Oct. 28, 2008, a promissory note dated Oct. 7, 2008, in the amount of \$170,000. Ishizeki agreed that they owed GPPC the amount as its subcontractor.

There remains an unpaid balance on the promissory note, including all accrued interest, totaling \$219,493.44.

Ishizeki also agreed to pay GPPC \$1,000 in attorney's fees and costs of suit. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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Pacific Islands Club Saipan general manager Hiro Sugie, fifth from left, presents in-kind prizes totaling more than \$1,000 to Frankie Eliptico, chairman of the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance board of directors at the grounds of PIC. They are joined by other MINA members and resort staff.

PIC signs on as MINA Green Gala sponsor

To underscore its commitment to conservation efforts, the Pacific Islands Club Saipan recently donated in-kind prizes totaling more than \$1,000 to the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, or MINA. The donation was made as part of MINA's annual fundraising event, the Green Gala, which will be held on Friday, Sept. 19, 2014.

"We are extremely thankful for PIC's contribution to this year's Green Gala," said Frankie Eliptico, chairman of MINA's board of directors. "PIC has always been a gener-

ous contributor to community projects and we are grateful for their longstanding generosity."

The leading conservation nonprofit organization in the Commonwealth, MINA has successfully implemented many projects, including the Obyan Rehabilitation Project, the Teacher Environmental Camp, the Marine Debris Prevention program, Tasi Watch Project, and the Adopt-A-Bin Project, which has placed recycling bins at all major beaches on the island.

In order to continue its ef-

forts to preserve and protect the CNMI's fragile environment and biodiversity, MINA is seeking the community's participation in the Green Gala. The organization is supported by project grants and from generous contributions from local businesses and community members.

In addition to lively entertainment, dinner and a variety of beverages, the Green Gala will feature brief highlights from MINA's projects, a silent auction, and many other activities that promises a memorable evening.

Last year's Green Gala was sold out, so organizers are encouraging those who plan to attend to buy their tickets early. Tickets for the Green Gala event can be purchased at the MINA Office in Gualo Rai or from any of the volunteer board members.

There are four categories of sponsorship (Emerald, Title, Major, and Sponsor categories) that correspond to the value of companies' contribution. To become a sponsor of the event, contact Brooke Nevitt at 233-REEF (7333), or email castro.fran@gmail.com. (MINA)

CNMI youth attend 14th Yeosu Int'l Youth Festival

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Twenty students from the CNMI made the best of what's left of summer vacation by participating in the 14th Yeosu International Youth Festival in South Korea.

The group that participated in the six-day event was composed

of students from Northern Marianas College and Saipan Southern High School.

The youth festival hosted 400 youth from around the world who took part in activities such as a mini-Olympics, city tours, water battles, and Korean pop concerts.

Students were housed at the Chonnam National Uni-

versity dorms.

One participant, Mike Alcantara, told *Saipan Tribune* that the festival "was a great experience."

"People from the islands were able to make lots of friends from different countries," he said.

The international youth festival this year welcomed youth from parts of France, China,

Malaysia, Nepal, the United States, Japan, Korea, the CNMI, and Russia.

"We all gathered to learn about the city of Yeosu and got to enjoy each other's company," Alcantara said.

Students from the islands and members of the band "Flow" also got the opportunity to perform a song and dance number on stage in front of an international audience.



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Twenty students from the CNMI pose for a photo at the 14th Yeosu International Youth Festival held in South Korea last week.

Community Briefs

NMC closed on Thursday

Northern Marianas College employees will be participating in professional development activities on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014. All offices at NMC will be closed on that day. Thank you for your understanding.

The Student Orientation Session scheduled for 4:30pm on Thursday, Aug. 7, will proceed as scheduled. For campus emergencies, contact 237-6800. Visit marianas.edu for more information. (NMC)

MHS student orientation schedule

Marianas High School will be having the orientation for school year 2014-2015 as follow:

- Friday, Aug. 22: Incoming Sophomores and Juniors, 9:30am-11am, School Gym

- Friday, Aug. 22: Incoming Seniors, 1pm-2:30pm, School Gym

- Tuesday, Aug. 26: Incoming Freshmen, 9:30am-11:30am, School Gym. (PR)

Please bring an updated student insurance and health certificate. (PR)

Free Movie Night at KHS

Bored already from summer nights? Come to Kagman High School for Movie Night! It is free and families are welcome! Bring your mats, lawn chairs and money for snacks! We will

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Have a wonderful birthday to our dear Cheng Zingapan! We wish you all the happiness in life. Keep being healthy and may you have more birthdays to come. Greetings come from Anniea, Joshua, and the Alvarez family.

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be selling drinking and snacks during the movie. Will be showing *How To Train Your Dragon*. See you at sunset! (PR)

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Aug. 6 and 8, from 11am to 6pm.

The general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (PR)

Family grief support meeting on Aug. 7

A group that is in the process of forming a Compassionate Friends chapter on Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, Aug. 7, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai. For more information, call Jill Derickson at 989-9821 or e-mail jilld@pticom.com. To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassionatefriends.org. (PR)



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Beacon recovered after teen pilot's ocean crash

By FILI SAGAPOLUTELE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa (AP)—Officials in American Samoa on Monday recovered a personal locator beacon registered to an Indiana teen and his father who crashed off the U.S. territory last month as they attempted to fly around the world.

Haris Suleman, 17, died in the July 22 crash and his father, Babar Suleman, remains missing.

The beacon registered to the Sulemans was retrieved from a family in a shoreline village, American Samoa Department of Homeland Security Director Iuniasolua Savusa said Monday.

Local authorities got a call late Sunday from the U.S. Force Rescue Center in Florida that the beacon was transmitting GPS coordinates, Savusa said.

Police searched the shoreline and Homeland Security issued

a bulletin Sunday night for help from the community.

Savusa said a young boy found the device and took it home.

"The minor child told his father that the device was with a black pack-bag which was badly torn and the only thing the youngster saw was an antenna sticking out of the pack-bag," Savusa said. "The youngster took only the device, which has the antenna. I now have the device in my possession."

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Lacorte passes NCLEX on first try



HERVIN JACINTO

Joy Lacorte, a graduate of the Northern Marianas College's nursing program, recently passed the National Council Licensure Examination on her first try.

Joy Lacorte was born and raised in the beautiful island of Saipan to Ernie and Jho Lacorte. Growing up, her dream was to be a teacher. However, many of her advisers and mentors encouraged her to pursue nursing.

As high school graduation was fast approaching, Lacorte gave the idea more and more thought. She even shadowed nurses. Being a daughter of a nurse also helped guide her in that direction. She then had the opportunity to go to Palau for an oratorical competition and there she met an elderly lady who was a retired nurse who served on Saipan for a little bit. Out of curiosity, Lacorte asked her why she decided to become a nurse. What the lady said sealed the deal for Lacorte. However, what the nurse said remains something between her and Lacorte.

Lacorte also believes that her clinical experience throughout nursing school was what helped her the most. "I learned a lot when we were on the floors and what I read in the books became alive in the actual setting."

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Council Licensure Examination, or NCLEX.

"I was very overwhelmed at first because of the extensive amount of knowledge that needed to be mastered," said Lacorte. "But I just said a prayer, took a deep breath, and took it one day at a time."

Lacorte said that before she began her review she divided her review books into the number of weeks she had left to put herself on a schedule. That system—and the effort she made to master the materials—helped her pass the NCLEX on her first take.

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Babauta-Torres committee opens Guam office



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From left, Frank Guerrero, Candy Taman, Joe Terlaje, Remedio Tenorio, Dina Tenorio, former governor Juan N. Babauta, Joey Arriola, Ted Deleon Guerrero, JClynn Wertz, and Tony Benavente have their picture taken at the Guam Babauta-Torres Team headquarters.

The Guam Committee-to-Elect Babauta/Torres announced yesterday that the committee officially opened its Guam office on Saturday, July 26, 2014, on the second floor of the La Isla Arcade Building by the intersection to the University of Guam in Mangilao. Their telephone number is (671) 989-6374. For more information, contact committee member Ted Deleon Guerrero at (671) 727-5759 or Lauren S. Terlaje at (671) 929-4884 and/or Dina Tenorio at (671) 747-8366, both of whom are members of the

Guam committee.

Popular local singer Candy Taman is available at the Guam BT Office throughout the week from Monday to Saturday at 9am to 6pm to answer in person question and concern you may have or by calling his office at (671) 989-6374.

Former governor Juan Nekai Babauta and former senator Juan Sablan Torres and the Guam Committee-to-Elect Babauta-Torres openly invite and welcome everyone to stop by the office, most especially CNMI residents presently resid-

ing in Guam, to visit us or give us a call. According to Guerrero, the office staff and committee members will gladly share the Babauta/Torres Team's vision, action plans, and accomplishment report, which is also available in the Babauta-Torres website at www.babautatorres2014.com.

Said Guerrero: "Avail yourselves of the Babauta-Torres strategic action plans for job and wealth creation, sustainable economic development and opportunities and education and workforce training

opportunities, retirement fund and health insurance rescue plans, among other plans, aimed to stop the sufferings of common ordinary people in our beloved motherland, a plan that is ultimately focused on reuniting our families and children who were forced to leave home for better opportunities abroad and to help back them home."

"Bringing Us Together By Building Tomorrow Today" is the Babauta-Torres mantra for success, progress and prosperity, said Guerrero. (PR)

LAND ASSIGNMENT



1. **LAND AND BUILDING ASSIGNMENT:** CONSIST OF 2 LOTS (PICTURE ABOVE) WITH 4 COMMERCIAL UNIT, FORMERLY NIKO LAUNDRY AND NIKO MARKET AND 3 RESIDENTIAL UNITS
LAND AREA: LAND (A) 1124 SQ.M, LAND (B) 1111 SQ. M
LOCATED AT SAN ROQUE BEFORE PALM RESORT AND FORMER LA FIESTA

2. **LAND ASSIGNMENT:** CONSIST OF 2 LOTS **LAND (A):** 737 SQ.M **LAND (B)** 779 SQ.M **LOCATED** ACROSS 13TH FISHERMAN MONUMENT AND NEXT TO MARAIANAS EYE CLINIC

3. **LAND AND HOUSE ASSIGNMENT—LAND AREA:** 5,000 SQ. M
LOCATED AT DANDAN NEAR DANDAN GOLF RANGE

4. **LAND AND BUILDING ASSIGNMENT—LAND AREA:** 757 SQ.M
LOCATED AT SAN ANTONIO ACROSS PAKPAK BEACH NEAR PIC HOTEL AND PIC STAFF BARRACKS

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Bridge Capital Donations



The governor's main conference room is packed with recipients of donations from Bridge Capital LLC yesterday.

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Bridge Capital LLC manager and co-owner Shawn Scott, right, presents a check donation to the Commonwealth Cancer Association, represented by Juan L. Babauta, Lauri Ogunmoro and Bobbi Grizzard. Looking in is Gov. Eloy S. Inos, second from left.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Bridge Capital LLC manager and co-owner Shawn Scott, right, presents a check donation to the DPS Bike Patrol, represented by DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero. Also in photo is Gov. Eloy S. Inos, left. Deleon Guerrero also received donations on behalf of other groups such as the CNMI Fire and EMS Association and CNMI Drug Task Force.



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Esther Fleming, center, the governor's special assistant for administration, receives a check donation on behalf of a few government entities, from Bridge Capital LLC manager and co-owner Shawn Scott, right. Also in photo is Gov. Eloy S. Inos, left.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Bridge Capital LLC manager and co-owner Shawn Scott, right, presents a check to the CNMI Nursing Association and the CHC Hemodialysis Center, while Gov. Eloy S. Inos, left, looks on.



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Bridge Capital LLC manager and co-owner Shawn Scott, to the CNMI Fire and EMS Association, while Gov. Eloy S. Inos, left, looks on.



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Friends of the Arts' Frank Gibson, center, receives a check donation on behalf of Friends of the Arts from Bridge Capital LLC manager and co-owner Shawn Scott, right, while Gov. Eloy S. Inos, left, looks on.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Bridge Capital LLC manager and co-owner Shawn Scott, right, presents a check donation to the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance or MINA.



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Bridge Capital LLC manager and co-owner Shawn Scott, center, presents a check donation to Tinian High School yesterday.



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Bridge Capital LLC manager and co-owner Shawn Scott, right, presents a check donation to the NMI Crime Stoppers, represented by, from left, Police Officer Jason Tarkong, Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero, Jim Arenovski and Jill Arenovski, at the governor's office yesterday.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Guma Esperansa shelter manager Lauri Ogumoro, left, receives a check donation for Guma Esperansa from Bridge Capital LLC manager and co-owner Shawn Scott, right.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Bridge Capital LLC manager and co-owner Shawn Scott, right, presents a check donation to PAWS Animal Welfare represented by Bobbi Grizzard.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

NMI Museum of History and Culture executive director Robert Hunter, second from right, shakes hands with Bridge Capital LLC manager and co-owner Shawn Scott, right, after Bridge Capital donates a check to the NMI Council for the Humanities. Also in photo are Gov. Eloy S. Inos, seated, and Humanities Council's Scott Russell.

Opinion

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EDITORIAL

Don't delay vaccinating children for measles

The following editorial appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Friday:

Tarrant County, Texas, residents got a sobering reminder of how important it is to vaccinate children when public health officials last week confirmed the first case of measles in the county since 2013.

A resident who had recently traveled to Wichita, Kan., where 11 measles cases have been verified, was apparently exposed to the highly contagious disease while attending a softball tournament early this month.

Unfortunately, more than 30 other Texans who attended the event may have been exposed as well.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, measles is the most deadly of all childhood rash/fever illnesses. It is highly communicable, meaning it can spread easily through coughing and sneezing, even breathing in close contact with an infected person.

It also can take up to three weeks to incubate, sometimes making it difficult to determine when or where a person contracted the illness.

But the virus is almost entirely preventable by way of an easily obtained vaccine, usually administered just after a child's first birthday.

Since 1963, the measles vaccine has been in wide use, leading to a greater than 99 percent reduction in confirmed cases in the U.S.

Still, many Americans wrongly assume that such illnesses are vestiges of less enlightened times and all but nonexistent. As a result, many fail to get their kids the vaccines that can ensure that these diseases do indeed remain things of the past.

Similarly, a recent anti-vaccination movement advanced by some scientists and celebrities reportedly found a link between vaccines and autism in children. But such theories have repeatedly been proven wrong.

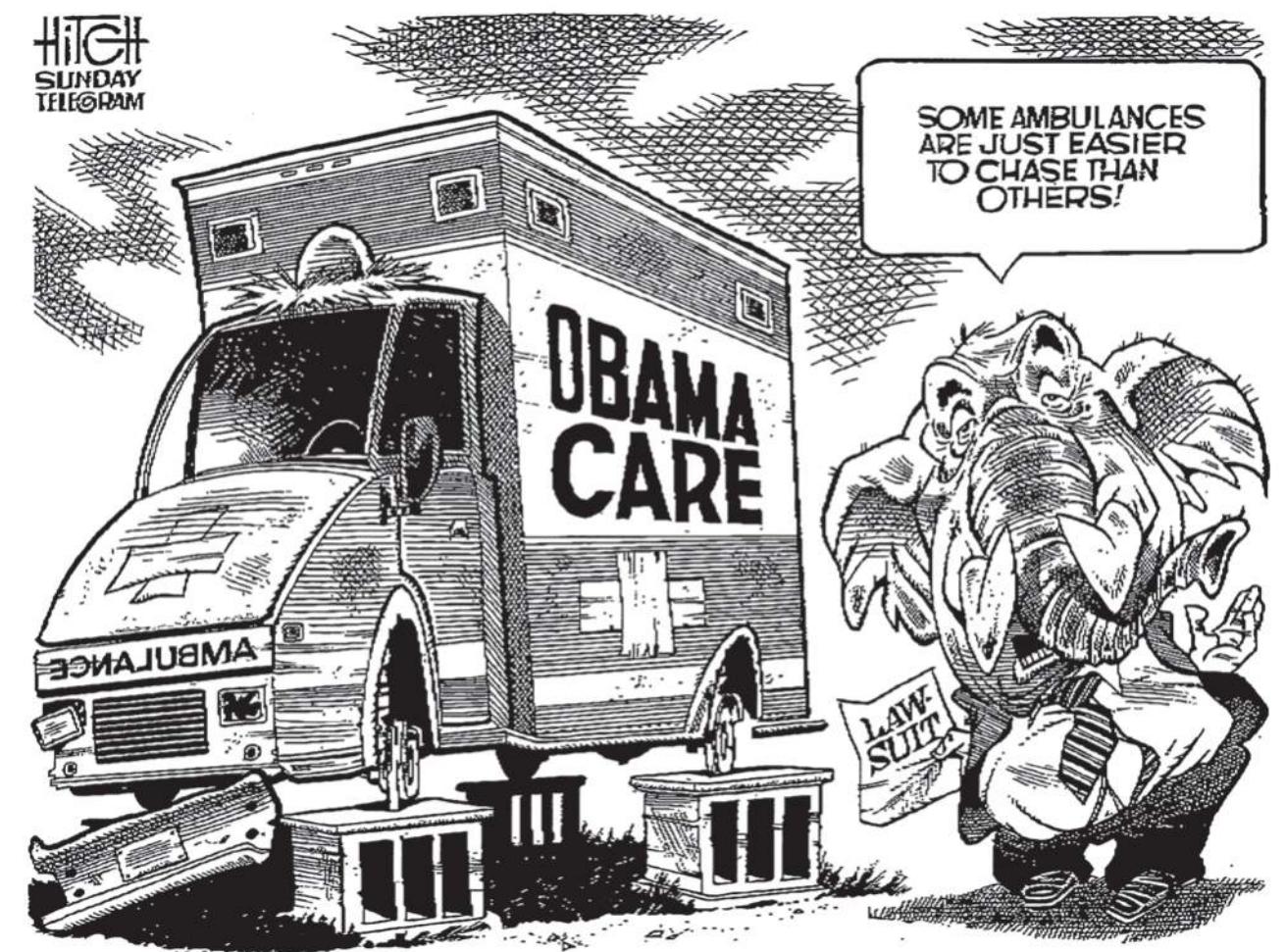
The state of Texas requires K-12 students to be immunized for certain preventable diseases, measles among them.

Parents still have several weeks to get children vaccinated before the school year begins.

And while it is tempting for some to suggest that the measles outbreak conspicuously coincides with the influx of Central American children to the Texas border, there is no evidence to substantiate a link.

The real concern for Americans everywhere should be getting their own kids vaccinated by September.

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Tsonggo

Unggoy is the common word for "monkey" in Tagalog. Growing up, we called the biped *tsonggo*, pronounced the same way as "Zhongguo," China of the Middle Kingdom, and Zhongguoren, of its people.

I noticed the practice in U.S. political advertising to blame the Chinese for the flight of jobs to the cheap manufacturing factories of China. But education boards in some states now make the learning of the Chinese language an offering in school curriculum, and Chamber of Commerce officials poise their economies to attract Chinese investments.

My Ottawa seatmate on the plane to China led a team of software specialists to a database center a few miles outside Hoh Hot, Nei Menggu. He was there for a week to troubleshoot a current contradiction of an IT operation with a team of international talents including folks of Sino-descent. The locals are not swinging *tsonggos*; they are sophisticated folks engaged in complex tasks.

We shan't rehearse the historical incidences of the Chinese Exclusion Acts both in the United States and Canada. What is clear is that the new "black" in our time is "yellow," save they are lured rather than oppressed, and they are spending a fortune in boutique stores all over the world with enough to spare for the gold in Macau and Hong Kong, tolerated lot with open arms when they reach for their wallets. Acceptance into neighborhoods is another matter.

In Calgary, Alberta, two weeks ago, I was told of a ranking official raking new Chinese immigrants over the coals for being too obsessed with making money; also, that Bus No. 3 is called the Asian Express because starting at 10:30am, all the Chinese in the NW quadrant of the city head for Chinatown for their daily *dimsum*. This is, of course, an exaggeration but the stereotyping of the Chinese continues for as long as there are Chinatowns.

There is a major contradiction in the world's treatment of the Chinese and how they abrasively present themselves to the world. Numbers indicate that out of every five people in the planet, one is Chinese. South Asia (Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, India) is projected to equal China's total in a decade but the predominance of Sino dominance in Chinatowns around the world spells a difference in presence.

Allegiance to nation-state still predominates among citizens of China and India, but if there is anything that the democratic West promotes, if only in its pretensions, it is the value of the individual and the virtue of solitariness as the eventual nature of *homo sapiens*. There is reason why a fourth of Koreans are named Kim, but it would be a mistake to continue lumping them together by race and/or political affiliation without acknowledging the value of the individual.

The same holds true as we remember the first A-bomb over

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Hiroshima. We treat the event as an assault on a people rather than as a violation on 60,000 innocent individuals, recent in their newfound selfhood ironically started in an industrialized war in the trenches of World War I. What would it mean to read individually the names of 60,000 people that evaporated in a flash from flesh into atomic puffs not too long ago?

Would we do the same for the gas pipeline explosion a few months back in Shandong, China, that cost us more than a few lives, and more recently, in Kaohsiung, Taiwan? These were examples on how we had the cost of pipe laying trump safety of population as gas companies actually built pipelines along city sewage lines. After the landslides that buried folks in India and Nepal, the consequence of over-logging, we hear of a factory explosion in Jiangsu, China, that manufactures and polishes wheels for General Motors of the United States as one of its primary clients. Earthquakes have become more severe and frequent. South China in Yunnan and Guizhou just suffered unexpected loss of people and property. A disaster hits groups rather than individuals!

"Chinese and South Asians" of my acquaintance aspire to be treated as individuals rather than as members of their race. But the only means to individual recognition is by competition, along the ethos of getting ahead in society and the workplace. Classroom achievement in China is measured by competitive grading; students are treated as if they all have similar learning acumen determined by a common one-size-fits-all pedagogy.

I do not aspire to affect a large portion of the learning community. I am, however, convinced that whatever teaching I do, it is on imparting methods of learning on students' initiative utilizing native skills rather than be awed learners "sitting at a master's feet."

I made sure my Canadian techie seatmate on the plane was clear he needed to train someone to replace him within a year. We push Zhongguo education toward a similar direction, for students to intentionally teach themselves to learn and teach, get peers to actually learn from and teach each other, and move a master pedagogue to disappear elsewhere each time an aim is reached as quickly as possible.

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Heads in the sand!

Since recent past, there's the troubling dearth of leadership and vision. Hoping to rekindle deliberative discussion but there's the seeming derailing element of pitiful breadth of perception on issues of substance.

The elected elite has buried its head in the quicksand of dystopian *mañana*—where nothing has worked, isn't working and will never work—longing for soft illusions of miracles.

Why limit it to patch-up jobs when there's the more lasting option of realistic paradigms? Don't we have the fortitude to proactively do what's right, ably capable of reading serious situational issues over playing into the hands of brinkmanship? Have we done anything decisive to improve the financial and fiscal crises that could bring the CNMI to its knees, if not already? Or have we accepted this inadequacy as the new norm, setting up the multitude for more unsolicited hardship?

Troubling the vacuum created by the lack of leadership that has metastasized—spread like Stage 4 cancers in vicious hardship—all over the archipelago. The silence is eerily deafening and you wonder why the lights are on but nobody's home. We could only detect quick fearful shadows throughout the rooms and the backyard. Remember the film *The Day After Tomorrow*?

We could only suspect living within the parameters of comfort zones as to effectively allow paralysis of the thoughtful process in what's known as "planning." This deficient attitudinal anomaly is bad all the way around for these isles. It amounts to complete abandonment! What about the fate of the villagers the elected elite portends to represent? And they want our votes again this November?

As we plow through vicious hardship daily, we are wary that even hope fades when one gives it all up like terminal cancer patients caving into fatal illnesses. Troubling! But the upside of hardship is that it solidifies our collective strength to endure pain for something greater than the miseries of rock bottom today. Though half naked we may be when the storm fades, we will emerge ever stronger to meet the challenges of the times.

The elected elite's sight is seemingly fossilized on the cliff line

rocks of amnesia, dementia, apathy, arrogance, negligence and atrophy, among others. The callous disengagement is humiliating as the bunch prepares to turn the last page of change in a chapter it won't revisit for years. But then who wants to review an ugly chapter riddled with maggots of neglect? With persistent head dips in the sand, can they even look up?

Nostalgic journey

The loss of a brother (Frank) sent me into a nostalgic journey of yesteryears in the old village. Revisiting the neighborhood, elderly and young people we knew, familiar playground between home and the family farm; beaches and savannahs we swam, climbed, fished and hunted.

There was the dreaded stint with our late saintly mom who taught us how to cook, wash the family clothes at the washbasin on weekends, daily house chores, including collecting firewood and the nightly rosary before hitting the books. As the eldest two of 14 kids, we had to learn literally everything except delivering babies. We never had the benefit of an older sister.

Learning what we had to learn explains why I was very particular how my spouse cooks my meals or irons my wardrobe. I knew these chores like the back of my hand. Indeed, it was one long journey of yore we've treated as our "golden days." It was the real training ground for life after leaving the front door of home.

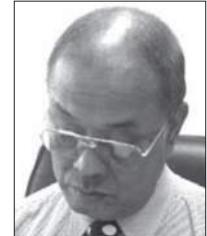
My brother and I had the same career—journalists—a profession we accepted as divine appointment more so than that of a dream or aspiration of young people. It fell naturally on our laps starting out in radio in 1967. Frank started his radio stint in 1969. He filled every position I vacated that included news director for the old government-run radio station KJQR and staff writer of the TTG's Micronesian News Service. Our jobs took us to every corner of the region, north and south of the equator.

In all our trials, tribulations, victories, and defeat, there's always time to sing songs we learned over the years from nursery rhyme to folk music. Ironically, the four lads from Liverpool came in with their hit *Hard*

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Days Night we'd intone wherever we go as junior high students. We even sang it aboard a huge truck en route to and from Tanapag Harbor where we hauled 90-lb cement sacks for two and-a-half days (@\$3 a day) just to help our parents supplement the family diet.

Music seems a natural for my brothers. I was in a combo since my freshman year in high school as a rhythm guitarist and drummer. Music played a key role in my bringing home the bacon to help dad who worked for a construction firm that paid \$.33 an hour. Recalled jumping on the jeep whenever he returns from work to help him at the farm until well past dusk. We'd rush through weeding on sensitive plants that culminated in feeding our pigs and chickens. It was another means to augment woefully cheap jobs in private industries here. It's one more scar on our legs and arms, permanent reminders of how we earned our dues.

There were times well spent at grandpa's place in Oleai where the family meets on weekends. It's here where oral history was conveyed to us from cultural tradition and language. It was a real learning experience that included cooking together and joyful singing and story telling with the entire clan. It strengthened the family fiber in what's known as unity.

I bid *adios* to both my brothers silently intoning *Lani* and *Just A Little More*, songs sung when the bass player for my favorite Hawaiian group, Makaha Sons, died. Well, it was one fine journey I call "Our Golden Years." *Si Yuus Maase 'mañeluhu*, Frank yan Ron!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Zoning Board, just what do you do?

While riding around town, I noticed five buildings going up from Garapan to Chalan Kanoa and they all are ugly, boxy, concrete monstrosities like several hundred others lining every highway and byway on Saipan. I also happened to see the article about the governor appointing members to the Zoning Board and I wondered what is going on over there. I think the office has been open for eight years and I verified that we still have no zoning, or planning, master plan for Saipan or the CNMI.

Most of the staff and board members don't appear on the Web, which is not surprising. Three are on FB, one on LinkedIn, but I can't find a single reference if any of the 13 has a degree in planning, which is almost a given if you want to be on a zoning board. I'm not ragging on anyone but it is just another example of the past and present administrations that hire and appoint people that are inexperienced or non-experienced in the positions the appointment is for. But, in every case I can find, the appointees accept them anyway. This is the heart of integrity. It seems people have been getting paid for eight years for doing nothing or they could be an hour away from presenting their master plan to the public. If your names were all over the Web, we would know you are tech-savvy and that you probably look up YouTube examples of what works and what doesn't work in places similar to the CNMI. The fact that almost all of you are invisible indicates you don't use the Web as you should. If you don't know something, you can find it on the Web and become an expert in short order. All your answers are on YouTube.

At minimum, planners need to: *take core courses in the history and processes of urbanization, the theories and histories of planning, applied micro-economics, quantitative analysis, and applied research design. Professional development and field work are also important components of the program. In the second year, students must complete a thesis or applied planning research capstone project (individually or as part of a group). Students also select one or more areas of concentration from among: Community Economic Development and Housing, Design and Development, Environmental Analysis and Policy, Regional and International Development, Transportation Policy and Planning.* If you don't have four years to waste, do what I do: YouTube "city planners" and watch half a

dozen videos and anyone that can think, can almost be one in two hours. PSS listen to this please.

Once they have this degree, even from YouTube, they can then apply for a job with the zoning office, which basically does this: *Zoning administrators enforce land usage within a municipality as dictated by the codes created by urban planners. They interpret these codes, review permit applications and coordinate enforcement efforts. Zoning administrators are generally required to have significant urban planning or zone enforcement experience. City and state governments employ zoning administrators to evaluate and approve property use. They're typically members of a municipality's planning commission, and their primary responsibilities include the interpretation of a municipality's land-use codes and bylaws, the coordination of enforcement efforts and the promotion of zoning information.* It's the same here. Two hours on YouTube, and you are a zoning expert and you don't even have to read anything because it's all on videos.

Sample master plans, master plan templates, urban and rural plan workups. All are on Google and everything is free.

If Gov. Carlos Camacho had hired a certified planner in 1978, there wasn't any YouTube then, the CNMI would be the prettiest place on earth that has to have buildings on it. It's never too late to start and you might start by requiring all new street front construction to put in their part of a sidewalk.

NMDC, keep the receipts for the \$100K

In our small, underworked Legislature, it just amazes me, and others I've talked to, why is that almost every law passed is an amendment to an existing law. Can't our elected officials write something for themselves instead of "amending" others' work? Also, can anyone explain how HLB 18-45 ended up as SLB 18-19? This is CNMI money, not Saipan money. Where are the reps from Tinian and Rota?

I'm just reminding everyone wasting their time on issues like this that this is our money and we will let everyone know where every penny really goes. Most NMDs I talked to don't really care so why is it such a big deal, that it's about the only thing you got done in the past four months? I suggest you all go online and see what other

small, corrupt islands are doing to try to make things better for their future generations. You'll be amazed.

Here is a site where the U.N. is offering help: *The UNDP-UN-DC Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption Project helps Pacific Island countries fight corruption by supporting the ratification and implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption. The project builds on recent progress by Pacific governments to address corruption, with nine countries in the region—Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu—now having ratified the Convention.* What the heck, they left the CNMI off the list. Governor, write them immediately and let them know of their mistake. <http://un.org.au/2013/08/08/un-gears-up-to-fight-corruption-in-the-pacific/>

Blas Johnathan Bj Tenorio Attao, whew.

OK, Mr. Attao, your signs say Blas Johnathan BJ Tenorio Attao, but I see you started a Facebook page this February just for the campaign under the name of Attao Blas Johnathan Tenorio. That's a little confusing already. But there is not one single word on it about what you have done, any education, any work experience, any mention of anything you will do, your priorities or project you will work for. Nothing, not one word.

I like his signs better than the others though. His says "please elect" instead of "please vote." That's a little more progressive. So, voters, watch his FB site and don't vote for him, or anyone else, that doesn't post exactly what they will do for you citizens, in this case the citizens of Precinct 3. Come on, BJ, time to get to work. Just having five names will not work in this election.

Here's another little bit of political trivia for everyone. Guam has three times the population, eight times the GDP, and just one-half the number of lawmakers. Guam spends 0.0015 percent of its GDP on its legislature while the CNMI spends 0.0056 percent. For you PSS graduates, that means Guam gets almost four times the bang for their buck.

Gary DuBrall

Chalan Piao, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 82	▼ 78
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲ 81	▼ 79
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82	▼ 80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 81	▼ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 82	▼ 79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 82	▼ 79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 81	▼ 79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 58	▼ 49
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89	▼ 67
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 80
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86	▼ 76
London	Rain	▲ 76	▼ 59
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83	▼ 62
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲ 83	▼ 77
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲ 62	▼ 48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 87	▼ 77
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 88	▼ 69
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 76
Paris	Rain	▲ 74	▼ 60
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83	▼ 74
Rome	Sunny	▲ 89	▼ 67
Salem	Sunny	▲ 88	▼ 59
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69	▼ 59
Seoul	Showers	▲ 79	▼ 70
Tokyo	Sunny	▲ 92	▼ 78
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 91	▼ 70

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:01 AM	6:45 PM	Today	2:16 PM	1:06 AM
Thursday	6:01 AM	6:45 PM	Thursday	3:15 PM	2:00 AM
Friday	6:01 AM	6:44 PM	Friday	4:14 PM	2:59 AM
Saturday	6:01 AM	6:44 PM	Saturday	5:12 PM	4:01 AM
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7
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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7
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SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT
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SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1
0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
0Z604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

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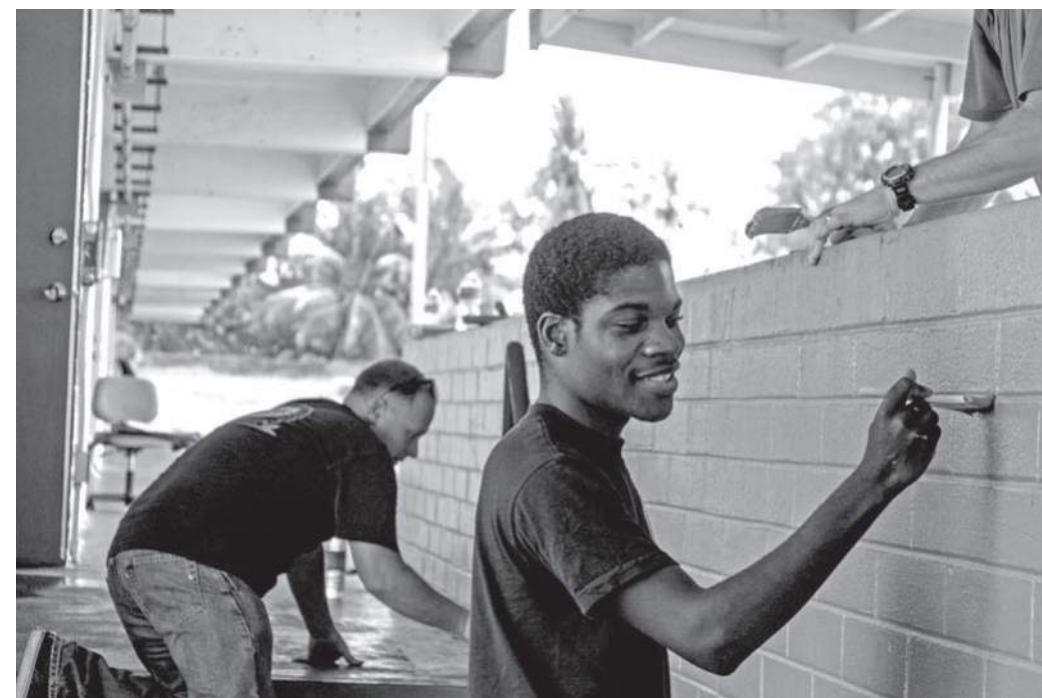
EODMU-5 helps Guam school prepare for classes

By TANYA M.C. MENDIOLA
JOINT REGION MARIANAS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DEDEDODO, Guam—Sailors from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 picked up paintbrushes and rollers to spruce up one of their sister schools during a community relations event in Dededo on Aug. 2.

Several sailors from EODMU-5 and family members were at Wettengele Elementary School as part of a volunteer workforce of approximately 70 people. Sailors worked alongside Air Force airmen, government of Guam employees, and community members to get the northern campus ready for the upcoming school year.

School principal Evangeline Iglesias said she was happy with the turnout and that the sailors were enthusiastic and ready to help the school staff and other volunteers prepare for the start of classes in a couple of weeks.



U.S. NAVY/TANYA M.C. MENDIOLA

Logistics Specialist Justin Jones, foreground, with Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 paints a wall in a walkway of Wettengele Elementary School during a community relations event at the Dededo campus on Aug. 2.

"It's a good day. The people here are wonderful," Iglesias

said. "The men and women out there, giving up their time, they're impacting 628 kids currently [enrolled]. ...The kids will come in the first day and say 'Wow! Our school

looks so nice.'"

Navy Diver 1st Class (EXW/DSW/SS/SW) James Taft of EODMU-5, who was hard at work applying a coat of teal paint on one of many poles in



U.S. NAVY/TANYA M.C. MENDIOLA

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician (EWS/FPJ) 2nd Class Zach Jones and fellow sailors with Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 paint a wall outside a Wettengele Elementary School classroom during a community relations project on Aug. 2.

a school walkway, said events such as this gives the sailors a chance to interact with the local population and to give back.

"[Sailors] live here for three years and it's important to be involved with their surroundings, the community where they live," Taft said.

Iglesias said the Navy's engagement with the school has

been positive and community relations are more than just about working and cleaning the school; they are opportunities to network and develop relationships.

"I see that they are very proactive in being a part of the community," Iglesias said. "They have really impressed me with their partnership."



U.S. NAVY/TANYA M.C. MENDIOLA

Navy Diver 1st Class (EXW/DSW/SS/SW) James Taft of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 applies paint to a pole at Wettengele Elementary School during a community relations project on Aug. 2.



U.S. NAVY/TANYA M.C. MENDIOLA

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 sailors use extended rollers to reach the high walls of an Wettengele Elementary School building during a community relations project on Aug. 2.

SPC Headquarters opens its doors to young people

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—The Secretariat of the Pacific Community has been pleased to host recent visits by several high school classes from throughout New Caledonia along with one leg of the University of New Caledonia's "heritage" rally.

SPC Headquarters have been located in Noumea, New Caledonia, since 1949, first at the old "Pentagon" site, which today hosts the "Promendade" complex, and then, since



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High school students from throughout New Caledonia visit the Secretariat of the Pacific Community headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia.

of the Conference Centre calls to mind the hull of an upturned canoe and the walls of its meeting room were woven using traditional techniques.

SPC would like to acknowledge those schools that have made SPC Headquarters one of the steps in their students' development—in that way highlighting the importance of the regional context and the place that New Caledonia can hold in the Pacific zone, which covers nearly a third of the surface of our globe.

For Cameron Diver, Deputy Director-General, "It is vital for SPC to open its doors to

young people in New Caledonia, first so that they can gain a better understanding of SPC and its role in the development of Pacific island countries and territories.

But it is just as important that SPC widen the vision of this younger generation in terms of the region they live in and the role that New Caledonia can play, as a full member of the Pacific Community, in helping their neighbors meet the many challenges facing all of the Pacific, whether they be climate change, food security, health, education or sustainable use of its resources." (SPC)

Business

US airfares on the rise and is outpacing inflation

NEW YORK (AP)—Travelers, prepare to pay more for your flight.

The average roundtrip ticket within the U.S., including taxes, reached \$509.15 in the first six months of this year, up nearly

\$14 from the same period last year. Domestic airfare continues to outpace inflation, rising 2.7 percent compared to the 2.1 percent gain in the Consumer Price Index.

Airfare has gone up 10.7 per-

cent in the past five years—after adjusting for inflation—according to an Associated Press analysis of data from the Airlines Reporting Corp., which processes ticket transactions for airlines and more than 9,400 travel

agencies, including websites such as Expedia and Orbitz.

The formula for rising fares seems simple, but it eluded the airlines for years: Match the supply of seats to passenger demand.

"Airlines have reduced the number of seats while more people want to fly because of the economic recovery. All this leads to higher airfares," says Chuck Thackston, managing director of data and analytics at Airlines Reporting Corp. "This trend in airfares is likely to continue for the near future, as the economy continues to grow."

These days, fares only capture part of the cost of flying. Many passengers pay extra to check their luggage, typically \$50 roundtrip for the first bag and \$70 for the second one. But bag fees haven't changed much in the past few years. Now, the

airlines are increasingly enticing passengers to pay for fast-track security lines, early boarding, additional legroom and other extras that can add from \$9 to \$299 to the cost of a flight.

So, for example, a \$300 ticket can balloon to \$450 on some airlines if you check two bags and pay \$30 for a little more room to stretch your legs.

And travelers aren't finding much relief after landing. The average nightly price of a hotel room in the U.S. during the first half of this year was \$113.80, according travel research company STR. That's up \$4.47, or 4 percent, from the same period in 2013.

Most people are traveling for work. And when the economy is strong, they do more flying. Data released by the government last week shows that economic growth

bounced back after a brutal winter, businesses are creating jobs at a steady pace and consumer spending is on the rise.

The Global Business Travel Association predicts that worldwide business travel will grow 6.9 percent this year to a record \$1.18 trillion. The United States is the business largest travel market, with travelers spending \$274 billion last year, a 4.5-percent increase over 2012.

Baggage fees and some others were introduced in 2008 to offset losses from rising fuel prices. However, this year airlines are actually paying less for fuel—\$2.96 a gallon so far, 7.2 percent less than last year, when adjusted for inflation.

Passengers aren't seeing any of those savings. One reason is that airlines no longer need to entice fliers with lower fares. There are simply fewer choices today.

Wal-Mart's website to personalize shopping

NEW YORK (AP)—Wal-Mart, in its latest bid to compete with nemesis Amazon.com, is rebuilding its website to further personalize the online shopping experience of each customer.

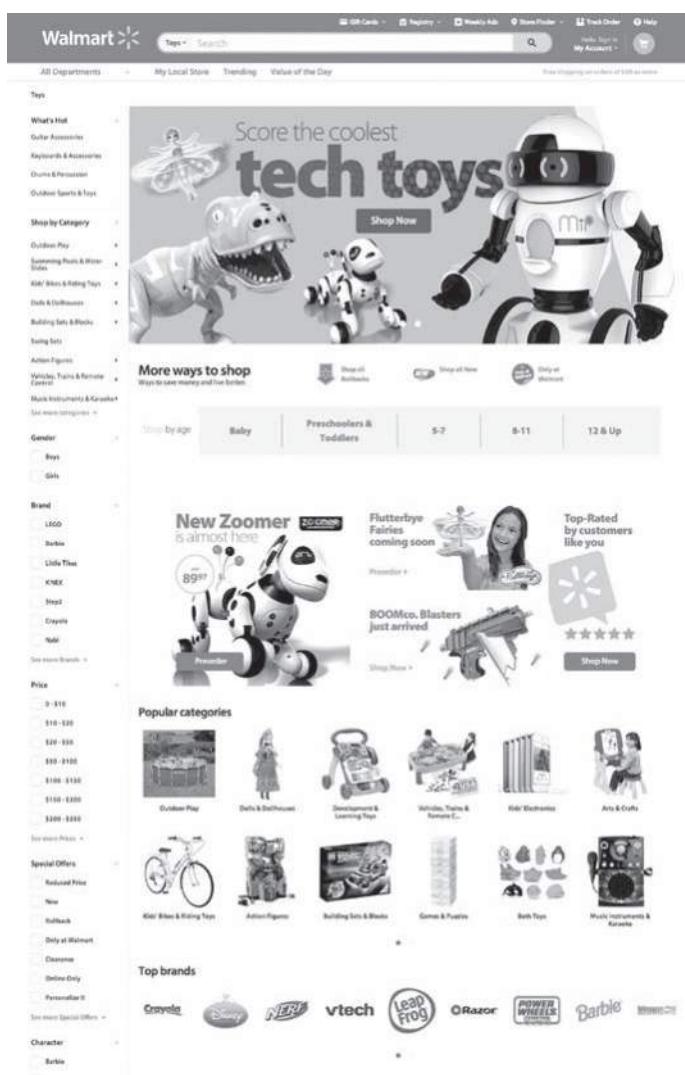
Wal-Mart is rolling out a feature that will enable its website to show shoppers more products that they may like, based on previous purchases. It will also customize Wal-Mart's home page for each shopper based on the customer's location, local weather and the customer's search and purchase history.

So if a new mom just bought a stroller or crib on Walmart.com, the revamped website might recommend diapers and car seats, too. And if someone who lives in Dallas searches the website for sports jerseys, Walmart.com could suggest Rangers or Dallas Cowboy gear.

The increased personalization is part of a series of changes to improve the online shopping experience of its customers that are rolling out now and over the next few months. The retailer is looking to boost its business online at a time when its U.S. discount division has seen disappointing sales.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s e-commerce sales increased by 30 percent to over \$10 billion in its fiscal year that ended Jan. 31. By comparison, Wal-Mart's U.S. discount division has had five straight quarters of sales declines at stores opened at least a year. Wal-Mart sees big growth opportunity in the online business: Online sales still are only a fraction of the \$473 billion Wal-Mart generated in overall annual revenue, dwarfed by Amazon's \$60.9 billion in annual sales.

The move to personalize websites for shoppers has become a top priority for traditional brick-and-mortar retailers like Wal-Mart as they play catch up with Amazon.com, the online king that pioneered customizing content for shoppers. Retailers increasingly are trying to use their reams of customer data they get from mobile devices and computers to personalize their websites



This undated image provided by Wal-Mart, shows the website that will enable it to personalize the online shopping experience for each customer.

and ultimately, boost sales.

Other retailers, including home-improvement chain Home Depot and office-supplies retailer Staples, have been working to personalize the online shopping experience. In fact, a quarter of customers who visit Home Depot's home page see product recommendations that are based on recent purchase or browser history, according to the company.

Retailers have seen benefits in personalizing their websites for customers, as well as other efforts to improve the online shopping experience. Overall, Forrester Research analyst Sucharita Mulpuru said that changes in customization can help lift a retailer's online sales

in the mid-single digits.

Wal-Mart said that customers have responded well to improvements it has made to its website in the past two years, including quadrupling the assortment of items it offers online to 8 million. For example, when Wal-Mart updated its search tool, it saw a 20 percent increase in shoppers completing a purchase after searching for a product using the new search engine.

Among the other changes, Wal-Mart has redesigned the site to cater to tablets as well as other devices. That means that the content and images are now adjusted to the size of the screen. So shoppers will see more columns of products on bigger screens.

Be direct in dealing with workplace issues

Q : For almost a year, I have been receiving complaints about a supervisor who reports to me. "Jack's" employees say that he criticizes them constantly and gets upset about nit-picky things. To verify these grievances, I had discussions with several staff members, followed by meetings with Jack.

Jack refuses to acknowledge the problem and has made no effort to change his behavior. When I encouraged him to read some books on leadership, he ignored my advice. I also asked him to meet with employees individually to discuss their concerns, but so far he has failed to do this.

Because we work in a health care setting, maintaining staff morale is very important. Although Jack has many good qualities, his managerial and leadership abilities are sorely lacking. I don't want to give him a bad performance appraisal, so what else can I do?

A: Are you serious? After a thorough investigation, you have concluded that Jack's "managerial and leadership abilities are sorely lacking," yet you are apparently planning to give him a good performance review. If this is an example of your own management style, then perhaps you should be reading those leadership books yourself.

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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handle it?

A: Harry's interaction with the public escalates his lack of cleanliness from an office irritation to a serious business problem. Because management needs to know about any issues affecting customers, several of you should meet with your supervisor and clearly describe your concerns.

Since you work in health care, here's a question to consider. Suppose that a nurse or therapist was known to treat patients badly. Would you give that person a favorable review? If so, you should definitely reconsider your career path. But if not, then you get my point.

Q: One of our coworkers has a horrible hygiene problem. "Harry" smells so bad that the odor actually lingers after he leaves the room. Because our work puts us in direct contact with customers, we believe that Harry might actually be driving business away. Our supervisor is in a different location, so he may not be aware of this. How should we

Should your boss fail to follow through, a group intervention might convince Harry to hop into the shower. But if he continues his grubby ways, the only remaining alternative is to keep your distance and try to intercept as many customers as possible.



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New Zealand Dollar	1.1728

Philippine Peso **43.5256**

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South Korean Won	1029.8
Swiss Franc	0.9067
Taiwan Dollar	29.989
Thailand Baht	32.0668

Nation

US govt had role in Ebola drug given aid workers

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Two American aid workers infected with Ebola are getting an experimental drug so novel it has never been tested for safety in humans and was only identified as a potential treatment earlier this year, thanks to a longstanding research program by the U.S. government and the military.

The workers, Nancy Writebol and Dr. Kent Brantly, are improving, although it's impossible to know whether the treatment is the reason or they are recovering on their own, as others who have survived Ebola have done. Brantly is being treated at a special isolation unit at Atlanta's Emory University Hospital, and Writebol was expected to be flown there Tuesday in the same specially equipped plane that brought Brantly.

They were infected while working in Liberia, one of four West African nations dealing with the world's largest Ebola outbreak. On Monday, the World Health Organization said the death toll had increased from 729 to 887 deaths in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria, and that more than 1,600 people have been infected.

In a worrisome development, the Nigerian Health Minister said a doctor who had helped treat Patrick Sawyer, the Liberian-American man who died July 25 days after arriving in Nigeria, has been confirmed to have the deadly disease. Tests are pending for three other people who also treated Sawyer and are showing symptoms.

There is no vaccine or specific treatment for Ebola, but several are under development.

The experimental treatment the U.S. aid workers are getting is called ZMapp and is made by Mapp Biopharmaceutical

Inc. of San Diego. It is aimed at boosting the immune system's efforts to fight off Ebola and is made from antibodies produced by lab animals exposed to parts of the virus.

In a statement, the company said it was working with Leaf-Bio of San Diego, Defyrus Inc. of Toronto, the U.S. government and the Public Health Agency of Canada on development of the drug, which was identified as a possible treatment in January.

The drug is made in tobacco plants at Kentucky BioProcessing, a subsidiary of Reynolds

AP
Dr. Kent Brantly and his wife, Amber, are seen in an undated photo provided by Samaritan's Purse.

American Inc., in Owensboro, Kentucky, said spokesman David Howard. The plant "serves like a photocopier," and the drug is extracted from the plant, he said.

Kentucky BioProcessing complied with a request from Emory and the international relief group Samaritan's Purse to provide a limited amount of ZMapp to Emory, he said. Brantly works for the aid group.

The Kentucky company is working "to increase production of ZMapp but that process is going to take several months," Howard said. The drug has been tested in animals and testing in humans is expected to begin later this year.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration must grant permission to use experimental treatments in the United States, but the FDA does not have authority over the use of such a drug in other countries, and the aid workers were first treated in Liberia. An FDA spokeswoman said she could not confirm or deny FDA granting access to any experimental therapy for



the aid workers while in the U.S.

Writebol, 59, has been in isolation at her home in Liberia since she was diagnosed last month. She's now walking with assistance and has regained her appetite, said Bruce Johnson,

president of SIM USA, the Charlotte, North Carolina-based group that she works for in Africa.

Writebol has received two doses of the experimental drug so far, but Johnson was hesitant to credit the treatment for her

improvement.

"Ebola is a tricky virus and one day you can be up and the next day down. One day is not indicative of the outcome," he said. But "we're grateful this medicine was available."

Brantly, 33, also was said to be improving. Besides the experimental dose he got in Liberia, he also received a unit of blood from a 14-year-old boy, an Ebola survivor, who had been under his care. That seems to be aimed at giving Brantly antibodies the boy may have made to the virus.

Samaritan's Purse initiated the events that led to the two workers getting ZMapp, according to a statement Monday by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the U.S. National Institutes of Health. The Boone, North Carolina-based group contacted U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials in Liberia to discuss various experimental treatments and were referred to an NIH scientist in Liberia fa-

miliar with those treatments.

The scientist answered some questions and referred them to the companies but was not officially representing the NIH and had no "official role in procuring, transporting, approving, or administering the experimental products," the statement says.

In the meantime, dozens of African heads of state were in Washington for the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit, a three-day gathering hosted by President Barack Obama. U.S. health officials on Monday spoke with Guinean President Alpha Conde and senior officials from Liberia and Sierra Leone about the Ebola outbreak.

The Defense Department has long had a hand in researching infectious diseases, including Ebola. During much of the Cold War period this served two purposes: to keep abreast of diseases that could limit the effectiveness of troops deployed abroad and to be prepared if biological agents were used as weapons.

Nixon tapes released on resignation's anniversary

YORBA LINDA, Calif. (AP)—Almost a decade after Richard Nixon resigned, the disgraced former president sat down with his one-time aide and told the tale of his fall from grace in his own words.

For three decades, that version of one of the nation's largest and most-dissected political scandals largely gathered dust—until this week.

Starting Tuesday, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Nixon's resignation, portions of the tapes will be published each day by the Nixon Presidential Library & Museum and the private Richard Nixon Foundation. The postings begin with Nixon recalling the day he decided to resign and end Saturday—his last day in office—with the 37th president discussing his final day at the White House, when he signed the resignation agreement, gave a short speech and boarded a helicopter for San Clemente,

California.

The segments were culled from more than 30 hours of interviews that Nixon did with former aide Frank Gannon in 1983. The sections on Watergate aired publicly once, on CBS News, before gathering dust at the University of Georgia for more than 30 years.

"This is as close to what anybody is going to experience sitting down and having a beer with Nixon, sitting down with him in his living room," said Gannon, now a writer and historian in Washington, D.C.

"Like him or not, whether you think that his resignation was a tragedy for the nation or that he got out of town one step ahead of the sheriff, he was a human being," he said.

Nixon, who died in 1994, had hoped that providing his own narrative would help temper America's final judgment of him.

Perhaps with that in mind,

he didn't shy away from the tough questions, commenting on everything from the threat of impeachment to the so-called "smoking gun" conversation that included evidence he participated in a Watergate cover-up.

"This was the final blow, the final nail in the coffin. Although you don't need another nail if you're already in the coffin—which we were," Nixon said in a segment about the June 23, 1972 tape.

Nixon said when he decided to resign, he faced such strong resistance from his wife that he brought a transcript of the "smoking gun" tape to a family meeting to show her how bad it was.

"I'm a fighter, I just didn't want to quit. Also I thought it would be an admission of guilt, which of course it was," he said. "And, also, I felt it would set a terribly bad precedent for the future."

The tone of the tapes contrasts with the sometimes adversarial tone of the well-known series of Nixon interviews done in 1977 by British journalist David Frost. Nixon appears relaxed in the tapes. He smiles occasionally, speaks fondly about his two daughters and wife and seems emotional while recalling the final days of his fraught administration, as pressure mounted for his impeachment over a 1972 break-in at Democratic headquarters by burglars tied to the president's re-election committee who were trying to get dirt on his political adversaries.

The decision to release these friendly interviews now, years after the fact, might not be a coincidence, said Luke Nichter, a Nixon expert and professor at Texas A&M University. With the passage of time, he said, every former president sees their legacy re-examined and recast, and Nixon may be no different.

Jodi Arias to represent herself at execution trial

PHOENIX (AP)—A judge ruled Monday that Jodi Arias can represent herself in the upcoming penalty phase of her murder trial, where jurors will decide whether she is put to death for killing her ex-boyfriend.

Arias, 34, was convicted of first-degree murder last year in the 2008 killing of Travis Alexander, but jurors couldn't reach a decision on sentencing. Under Arizona law, while Arias' murder conviction stands, prosecutors have the option of putting on a second

penalty phase with a new jury in an effort to secure the death penalty.

Arias, who has long clashed with her defense lawyers and tried to fire them previously, asked Judge Arias



Sherry Stephens to best interest ... I strongly urge you to reconsider," Stephens told Arias before granting the motion.

Arias will now have the task of arguing a death penalty case just four weeks from now despite having no legal experience and no college degree or high school diploma. Arias got her GED in jail.

Her defense lawyers will remain on as advisory council. They declined to comment on

the latest developments. Prosecutors also declined comment.

Experts say the move might not be such a bad idea given the gruesome nature of the crime. Arias admitted killing Alexander at his suburban Phoenix home but said it was self-defense. He was stabbed nearly 30 times, had his throat slit and was shot in the forehead. Prosecutors argued it was premeditated murder carried out in a jealous rage when Alexander wanted to end their affair.

Harmful algae blooms

Officials in Toledo, Ohio, told residents Monday that tap water was safe to drink again after a two-day period when the water was deemed unsafe due to high algae levels in Lake Erie.



What is an algae bloom?

When nutrient or light levels are high, algae can reproduce rapidly, producing what is called a bloom. When a bloom is made of toxic algae it is known as a harmful algae bloom (HAB). The most common form of harmful algae in the Great Lakes is blue-green algae.

Source: NOAA Center of Excellence for Great Lakes, AP Graphic: Tyler Davis

Symptoms caused by harmful algae

- Enlarged liver
- Malaise
- Anorexia
- Vomiting
- Headache
- Numbness of the mouth later extending to face, neck and extremities
- Incoordination
- Respiratory and muscular paralysis

How to stay safe

Although harmful algae may form visible colonies, it can also be present in water that looks clean.

Boiling water will not remove the toxins, nor will using a product to kill the algae.

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Asia

Lakes formed by quake in China threaten flooding

KUNMING, China (AP)—Rescuers raced Tuesday to evacuate villages near rising lakes formed by landslides, complicating relief efforts following a strong earthquake in southern China that killed at

least 398 people and has left thousands homeless.

Rescue teams have freed scores of trapped survivors as they dig through the thousands of homes that collapsed when the tremor struck impoverished

Ludian county in Yunnan province on Sunday. A 5-year-old boy freed by hand-digging Monday was among the dozens rescued in the first two days, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Landslides have created barrier lakes where water levels were rising Tuesday to pose a new threat to about 800 residents and seven power stations downstream, where sudden flooding could prompt



widespread power outages, Xinhua reported.

A main road into the worst-hit areas of Ludian was clogged Tuesday with bulldozers, backhoes and civilian and military vehicles carrying supplies including water and instant noodles. Nearly 10,000 soldiers and police had entered the quake-stricken areas, the Defense Ministry said.

Further into the quake zone, survivors, including some half-naked, were sitting along muddy roads in the rain waiting for food and medication, Xinhua said. Medics were reporting severe shortages of medicine and an inability to perform operations on the severely injured, while rescuers said their work had been hampered by continuous downpours and quake-trig-

gered landslides, Xinhua said.

The quake struck about 4:30 p.m. on Sunday about 370 kilometers (230 miles) northeast of the Yunnan provincial capital of Kunming. Overhead footage of the quake zone shot by state broadcaster CCTV showed older houses flattened but newer multistory buildings still standing.

Ma Yaoqi, an 18-year-old volunteer in the quake zone, said by phone that at least half of the buildings had collapsed on the road from the city of Zhaotong to the hardest-hit town of Longtou. The rest of the buildings were damaged, she said.

"I saw dead bodies being wrapped in quilts and carried away," said Ma, who arrived with 20 other volunteers Monday. "Some were wrapped with small quilts. Those must be kids."

The magnitude-6.1 quake struck at a depth of 10 kilometers (6 miles), according to the U.S. Geological Survey. China's earthquake monitoring agency put the magnitude at 6.5.

The Yunnan Civil Affairs Bureau said on its website that 398 people were killed, three were missing and a further 1,801 injured. About 230,000 people had been evacuated.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Monsoon rains flood farms in northern Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A strong typhoon that has worsened seasonal monsoon rains in the Philippines will linger offshore until Thursday, raising fears of more flooding. Forecasters said, however, that Typhoon Halong was too far off at sea to hit the country directly. The rains have flooded several farming villages in the north and caused traffic jams in the capital, Manila. A tugboat sank in rough seas over the weekend off Batangas province, south of Manila, and its three crewmen were rescued by the coast guard. Government forecasters said Halong packed sustained winds of 165 kilometers (102 miles) per hour and gusts up to 200 kph (124 mph). It was moving over the Pacific about 840 kilometers (522 miles) east of northern Cagayan province and was forecast to blow toward southern Japan this week.

Nepal landslide raises fears of flooding in India

PATNA, India (AP)—Rescue workers urgently evacuated tens of thousands of people in eastern India on Monday after a deadly landslide in neighboring Nepal blocked a river that could burst its banks and submerge scores of Indian villages. Authorities in Nepal said there is no hope that more than 150 missing people are still alive after being buried by piles of rocks, mud and upturned trees in Saturday's landslide in Mankha, about 120 kilometers (75 miles) east of Katmandu. Nineteen others are confirmed dead. But as disaster workers continued to clear the debris Monday, the danger area moved downstream to eastern India, where 125,000 people are in peril. The landslide blocked a mountain river in Nepal, causing it to back up and form a massive lake that is threatening to overflow and flood the Indian villages.

Death toll rises to 75 in Chinese factory blast

BEIJING (AP)—The death toll in an explosion at a Chinese auto parts factory has risen to 75, as investigators fault poor safety measures and news reports reveal that workers had long complained of dangerous levels of dust at the facility. Metal dust produced from polishing steel hubcaps ignited Saturday morning at the factory in the eastern Chinese city of Kunshan, causing an explosion that destroyed almost the entire roof of the plant, city officials said. More than 200 workers were at the factory at the time of the blast, China's most serious industrial disaster since a fire at a poultry plant killed 119 people in June last year. The metallic dust stuck to the skin of workers, burning between 50 and 90 percent of their bodies.

Bangladesh rescuers struggle to find sunken ferry



Bangladeshi woman Munni, whose daughters are missing, cries as rescuers search the River Padma after a passenger ferry capsized in Munshiganj district, Bangladesh, Monday, Aug. 4, 2014.

LOUHAJONG, Bangladesh (AP)—Rescuers were struggling Tuesday to locate a sunken ferry that was overloaded and carrying hundreds of passengers when it capsized in a river in central Bangladesh, leaving at least two people dead and probably many more.

After the M.V. Pinak sank late Monday morning, at least 44 passengers swam safely to shore, but it was unclear Tuesday how many were missing. The head of Bangladesh's water transport authority said about 50 people were unac-

counted for, while local administrators received a list of 116 missing people from relatives and villagers.

It was not known exactly how many people were on board the boat because ferry operators in Bangladesh rarely maintain passenger lists. Local media said there were about 250 passengers, but the figure could not be immediately confirmed.

A salvage ship reached the accident site in the River Padma on Tuesday, but strong currents and high waves were preventing a



rescue operation from being launched, said Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan.

On Monday, local residents and rescuers recovered two bodies from the water, but many more were believed to be trapped inside.

Many of the passengers aboard the ferry were returning from ancestral villages after celebrating Eid al-Fitr, the festival marking the end of the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan.

Azizul Haque, who was among those who survived by swimming to shore, said he jumped overboard when it became clear the ferry was going down.

4.6 trillion yen in 2012, down 6 percent from 2002.

Abe's Cabinet in July approved a reinterpretation of Japan's war-renouncing constitution to allow the military to defend foreign countries and play a larger international role. Earlier, Japan adopted a new defense strategy in December, which calls for a 5 percent increase in defense spending over the next five years.

Some Japanese media and experts have speculated that more money will be needed to achieve the more assertive military role, but Abe has ruled out any changes to the five-year plan.

China top worry in annual Japan defense report

TOKYO (AP)—China's growing airspace and maritime activities have escalated tension in area waters, Japan's Defense Ministry said in an annual report Tuesday, stressing the need for its military to play a greater role both inside and outside the country.

But there is growing concern that Japan's defense budget may be insufficient to achieve the goals set by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to bolster the country's military.

The annual report, released after Cabinet approval, says Japan is particularly concerned

about China's establishment of an air defense identification zone that includes disputed East China Sea islands that both countries claim. Japan scrambled jets in response to Chinese military flights 400 times last year, up from about 300 a year earlier.

The zone is China's attempt to "unilaterally change the status quo, escalate the situation and may cause unintended consequences in the East China Sea," the report said. "Japan is strongly concerned."

The 429-page white paper

World

Cease-fire takes effect to end Gaza war

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip

(AP)—A cease-fire between Israel and Hamas meant to last at least three days and end nearly a month of fighting went into effect in the Gaza Strip in Tuesday morning. The truce came ahead of talks in Cairo aimed at brokering a deal that would prevent fu-

ture cross-border violence.

The temporary truce, agreed to by both sides, started at 8 a.m. (0500 GMT) and was to last for 72 hours during which Israel and Hamas are to hold indirect talks in the Egyptian capital.

The fighting has claimed nearly 1,900 Palestinian lives—

most of them civilians. The war has also left 67 Israelis dead, all but three of them soldiers.

Previous international attempts to broker a temporary halt in the fighting failed.

The gaps between the sides are vast and the situation remains volatile—just minutes ahead of

the start of the truce, shelling still echoed across Gaza.

Hamas wants Israel and Egypt to lift their seven-year-old Gaza border blockade. Israel wants Hamas to be disarmed.

Earlier Tuesday, the Israeli military announced that all its ground troops will have pulled

out of Gaza by the start of the new cease-fire.

Military spokesman Lt. Col. Peter Lerner said the withdrawal was going forward after Israel completed the destruction of 32 cross-border tunnels that were built for Islamic militant attacks inside Israel.

During the course of the fighting, Israeli forces killed some 900 Palestinian militants, Lerner said.

The war broke out on July 8 when Israel launched an air offensive in response to weeks of heavy rocket fire out of Hamas-controlled Gaza. It expanded the operation on July 17 by sending in ground forces in what it described as a mission to destroy a network of tunnels used to stage attacks.

Sunni militants target Iraq's two biggest dams

BAGHDAD (AP)—The militants who have overrun large parts of Iraq are now battling ferociously to capture one of the country's vital resources, water.

Fighters with the Islamic State group launched a three-pronged attack over the weekend in a drive to capture Haditha Dam, in western Iraq, a complex with six power generators located alongside Iraq's second-largest reservoir. At the same time, they are fighting to capture Iraq's largest dam, Mosul Dam, in the north of the country.

Seizing the dams and the large reservoirs they hold would give the militants control over water and electricity that they could use to help build support in the territory they now rule by providing the scarce resources to residents. Or they could sell the resources as a lucrative source of revenue.

They could also use the dams as a weapon of war by flooding terrain downstream to slow Iraq's military or disrupt life. They have done that with a smaller dam they hold closer to Baghdad. But with the larger dams, there are limits on this tactic since it would also flood areas that the insurgents hold.

On Friday, the fighters unleashed a powerful attack from three sides on the town of Haditha in western Anbar province. Suicide attackers tried but failed to detonate an oil tanker and several trucks packed with explosives. The aim was to obliterate the final line of defense between the militants and Haditha Dam on the Euphrates River. Lt. Gen. Rasheed Fleih, the commander of Anbar Operations Command, told The Associated Press.

For a brief moment, it seemed all was lost. The Sunni militants seized the army command headquarters in town, with very little stopping them from reaching the dam. But some local Sunni tribes who oppose the militants and feared for their livelihoods if the dam were captured sent fighters to reinforce the 2,000 soldiers guarding the town, allowing for a narrow victory. At least 35 militants and 10 soldiers were killed in clashes on Friday, Fleih said.

Death toll from Ebola in W. Africa hits 887: WHO

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP)—The

doctor who treated a man who flew to Nigeria and died of Ebola now has contracted the disease, authorities said Monday, presenting a dire challenge to Africa's most populous nation as the regional toll for the outbreak grew to 887 dead.

As Nigerian health authorities rushed to quarantine others

who had been exposed, a special plane left Liberia to evacuate the second American missionary who fell ill with Ebola. Nancy Writebol, 59, is expected to arrive in Atlanta on Tuesday, where she will be treated at a special isolation ward.

The second confirmed case in Nigeria is a doctor who treated Patrick Sawyer, the Liberian-

American man who died July 25 days after arriving in Nigeria from Liberia, said Nigerian Health Minister Onyebuchi Chukwu.

Three others who also treated Sawyer now show symptoms of Ebola and their test results are pending, he said. Authorities are trying to trace and quarantine others in Lagos, sub-Saharan Africa's largest city of 21 mil-

lion people.

"This cluster of cases in Lagos, Nigeria is very concerning," said Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which is dispatching 50 experienced disease control specialists to West Africa.

"It shows what happens if meticulous infection control,

contact tracing, and proper isolation of patients with suspected Ebola is not done. Stopping the spread in Lagos will be difficult but it can be done," he said.

The World Health Organization announced Monday that the death toll has increased from 729 to 887 deaths in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria.

Australia may intervene in surrogate baby case



Pattaramon Chanbua, right, kisses her baby boy Gammy at a hospital in Chonburi province, southeastern Thailand Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014. AP

loves Gammy. I want her to be well taken care of."

Pattaramon was promised 300,000 baht (\$9,300) by a surrogacy agency in Bangkok, Thailand's capital, to be a surrogate for the Australian couple, but says she has not been fully paid since the babies were born last December.

She said the agency knew about Gammy's condition four or five months after she became pregnant but did not tell her. It wasn't until the seventh month of her pregnancy that the doctors and the agency told her the twin boy had Down syndrome and suggested that she abort the fetus.

Pattaramon recalled strongly rejecting the idea, believing that having an abortion would be sinful. "I asked them, 'Are you still humans?' I really wanted to know," she said.

An online campaign by the Australian charity organization Hands Across the Water to help Gammy has raised more than

\$215,000 since July 22.

Mora Kelly, founder of the Children First Foundation, which brings sick children from developing countries to Australia for medical treatment, said she had discussed with Hands Across the Water the possibility of bringing Gammy to the Australian city of Melbourne for heart surgery.

"I believe that this child should be able to access our health care system here in Australia," Kelly told Australian Broadcasting Corp. "This child, in essence ... should be an Australian citizen."

But Hands Across the Water founder and chairman Peter Baines said Pattaramon and her family's wishes would need to be considered in any decision to fly Gammy to Australia.

"Certainly our position is that there is no need to bring Gammy out to Australia," Baines said. "There's a high level of medical care available in Thailand and there's nothing to my

knowledge that indicates he's suffering from something that can't be treated in Thailand."

Gammy was moved from a public to a private hospital on Saturday and is being treated for a lung infection. Heart surgery has not yet been scheduled, Baines said.

The Australian broadcaster, ABC, reported that Gammy's biological father has denied intentionally abandoning his son in Thailand, saying he did not know that his daughter had a twin.

Pattaramon's case highlights the rising problem of surrogacy in Thailand, where legal loopholes allow the practice to exist. Thai officials said last week that there were 50 surrogate babies of Israeli couples in Thailand who were not able to travel to Israel due to nationality issues.

The Thai authorities are pushing for a law that will ban surrogacy of non-family members, but there is no punishment right now," said Pavena

Hongsakul, a former Thai social development and human security minister and advocate for women's and children's rights. "This is a worrying trend as it can lead to other problems, such as human trafficking."

It is illegal to pay a surrogate mother in Australia, and in some states, excluding Western Australia, it is also illegal to pay a surrogate living overseas. An Australian woman can act as a surrogate for free, but also has a right to keep the child rather than hand it over to the biological parents.

Pattaramon, who has a 6-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter, has had to take a break from her job to care for little Gammy. She says she approached the Thai surrogacy agency on Facebook early last year because she needed money to care for her children and pay off debts. She said she plans to file a complaint with Thai police to get the rest of the unpaid compensation money from the agency.

Focus

Honduran man waits for asylum after 12-year fight

BY SHARON COHEN
AP NATIONAL WRITER

When he arrived at the Texas border, Celvyn Mejia Romero was a scared 10-year-old, with a machete scar and memories of a murdered uncle as reminders of why he'd embarked on a long, perilous journey from Honduras.

He feared staying in his homeland and desperately wanted to join his mother in the U.S. In July 2002, he and two cousins—6 and 14—ended up near Brownsville after traveling by train, bus and foot. He remembers his grandmother, who lived in Arimis, Honduras, preparing to send him away, handing him a bag of food, some water and telling him: "Get on the bus. Don't look back....Don't come and hug me. Don't say goodbye."

"That," he now says, "made me cry."

Twelve years later, Mejia Romero is still fighting to stay in America. His tenacious—and unusually long—bid for asylum offers a singular glimpse into the complex world of immigration law and rules that many legal experts say are fiendishly difficult for anyone, especially kids, to negotiate. And yet at 22, Mejia Romero, who has lived longer in the U.S. than in his native Honduras, is hoping he'll prevail.

"I think if I win this case... all my nightmares would end because I'd know I'm not going back there," he said in an interview from his lawyers' office in Boston. "I'd feel like I'm free....I would feel happy, happy, happy. It would be the best day of my life."

Mejia Romero, who'd tried once before to get to the U.S. but was turned back in El Salvador, says he empathizes with the thousands of Central American kids who've recently appeared at the southern border without their parents. Many say they're escaping gangs back home and hoping to reunite with family. Mejia Romero's mother came to the U.S. when he was just 2, fleeing an abusive boyfriend; he remembers the joy of embracing her eight years later after his arrival.

"I feel sad for them," he says of the kids now trying to enter the U.S. "They remind me a lot of when I was younger....I feel like it's my life."

The flood of kids at the borders has ignited a political firestorm, with the House late Friday passing strict measures that the president quickly condemned. With the Senate already on a five-week summer break, a divided Congress headed home unable to agree on solutions for what has been called a "humanitarian

crisis."

The number of child asylum cases in recent months, though, has been relatively small.

Last week, the director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services told a congressional hearing his agency had received more than 1,500 asylum applications from unaccompanied minors from last October to this June—just about 4 percent of the total. Most kids, though, don't file for asylum for many months after their arrival.

Some critics say it has become too easy to win asylum and the standards for demonstrating persecution are too lenient. A person has to demonstrate a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership of a social group. Kids seeking asylum based on fear of gangs often have trouble convincing immigration judges that's the kind of persecution that warrants protection under U.S. law.

"The challenge that we face is the kinds of claims these kids are presenting," says Wendy Young, president of Kids in Need of Defense, a group that provides pro bono lawyers for unaccompanied refugee and immigrant children in the U.S. "The law is very murky....To these kids, they don't care if it's the military who's holding a gun to their head or a gang member.

They're fleeing for their lives." W h a t is clear is these kids won't prevail alone, says Judy London, an immigration

lawyer in Los Angeles who has represented many children. "It's an impossible system to navigate without a lawyer," she says. The cases, she adds, are extraordinarily time-consuming, with lawyers spending dozens of hours just getting kids to open up about their traumatic experiences.

The importance of lawyers was borne out in a recent report by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University that surveyed more than 100,000 cases of unaccompanied children in immigration court from 2005 to the end of June. It found that in almost half the cases where kids were represented by a lawyer, the judge allowed them to stay. In contrast, nine of 10 kids who appeared without a lawyer were ordered deported.

Some asylum cases are resolved in a few years; others can take much longer. As Mejia Romero has grown from boy to man, his lawyers have kept his bid alive, despite numerous setbacks, starting

with a denial by the immigration judge in 2007.

The Hon-duran na-tive, then a teen, had testified that a former neig-hbor

had struck him with a machete and used the weapon to destroy his grandmother's home, where he was living. He also said he'd been harassed by a gang from a nearby village and they'd thrown him off the roof of a small house. His mother testified, too.

The judge concluded those experiences were "troubling" but "no more than a series of isolated altercations" with a disgruntled neighbor and some bullies. He said they did not qualify as past persecution and, as a result, assumed there would be none if he returned.

An immigration appeals board agreed. So did a federal appeals court panel in a 2-1 decision, with the majority saying the record was "devoid of anything" that would conclude that Mejia Romero would more likely than not be tortured if returned to Honduras. But in a strongly worded dissent, the third judge said the young man's family had suffered "decades of persecution" for political activities advocating land reform.

The dissenting judge said it was wrong to rely exclusively on the "simplistic" oral testimony of Mejia Romero, who'd been diagnosed with PTSD and couldn't fully articulate his family's predicament because of his young age. At the trial, for instance, the boy said his family was called Communists but didn't know what the word meant.

"He explained the harm he had suffered but he couldn't really explain the underlying reasons," John Willshire-Carrera, co-managing director of the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic at Greater Boston Legal Services, says of his client.

The dissenting judge said there was "powerful" evidence to support claims of persecution, citing the young man's harassment and attempted recruitment by gang members and his injuries, including an 8-inch machete scar on his leg and others on his back and arm from landing in wire after being thrown from the house. He also noted the killing of Mejia Romero's step-grandfather by soldiers and the murder of his uncle.

The failure by the administrative courts, he wrote, "inflicts a terrible human price on a child who has turned to the United States for protection."

His lawyers pressed for a re-



In this July 26, 2014 photo, Celvyn Mejia Romero, left, leads his mother Susana Romero down a stairway at the Greater Boston Legal Services in Boston. AP

view by the full court based on the divergent views of the judges. The same three-judge panel reversed itself, sending the case back to the immigration appeals board, saying that it was the best place to resolve the matter. Through a series of legal steps, Mejia Romero ended up making his bid last year to an asylum officer in the Department of Homeland Security.

Because of changes in the law, a similar case nowadays would first be heard by an asylum officer and a decision would not take so long. The asylum office is considered more kid-friendly than the adversarial atmosphere of immigration court.

"The process has become more responsive to children's needs ...," says Nancy Kelly, the Boston clinic's co-managing director. "On the other hand, a series of decisions have been made which seem to be making it harder for children who, in our opinion, are true refugees from getting relief because of the way gang-related harm is viewed."

Despite his reunion with his mother, Mejia Romero's early years in America were difficult.

He says he had nightmares about people chasing him and was wary of making friends, worried about gangs. "I was depressed," he recalls. "I didn't go out of my room. ...I used to think about my (earlier) life all the time. I was really scared."

His mother, Susana, said through a translator that her son "would cry a lot. It wasn't clear what he was crying about. He didn't eat well. He didn't sleep well."

Even now, he says, talking about the past makes him nervous. Mejia Romero works for a company that provides meals for airlines. He dropped out of high school his senior year to help support his family, but says if allowed to remain in the U.S., he'd like to finish and attend college someday.

Both mother and son say they live with constant dread he'll be sent back.

"Those people who came after us are there...and I feel he may very well be killed," his mother says. "For sure, he'll be persecuted."

She tries to remain confident that after a dozen years, this ruling will be in their favor.

"You have to have patience," she says. "We're always hoping for the best."

Campus Life

Do college students need a safe to protect against identity theft?

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Back-to-school ads aren't just featuring deals on backpacks and blue jeans. The other day, I spotted an ad that highlighted a colorful, small safe to bring to your college dorm room.

It's one more sign that college students need to think about ID theft and keeping good credit, along with good grades. About 26 percent of identity theft victims were 29 or younger based on complaints filed in 2013, according to the Federal Trade Commission's latest report. Younger consumers typically have clean credit histories and make easier targets.

"ID thieves are opportunists. It might be another student who is having a hard time making ends meet. They can feel completely justified in what they're doing," said Becky Frost, senior manager of consumer education for Experian's ProtectMyId.

Frankly, just having a conversation with students about ID theft could prove worthwhile in the long run. Part of freshman orientation at some campuses includes reminding students to lock doors and not leave valuable items in the open.

Lt. Cameron Wassman at the Central Michigan University Police Department said too often thieves can take advantage of backpacks, phones and laptops when those items are left unattended.

"Many times, the students have a false sense of security in our environment," he said.

ID theft can start out from something as simple as stealing a wallet or even junk mail that has a preapproved credit offer. But students might not discover they are victims until they're turned down for a loan or maybe they're turned down when trying to rent an apartment.

ID thieves also have been able to use that information to file fake tax returns to generate fraudulent refunds.

Mark Kantrowitz, a college debt expert and senior vice president and publisher for Edvisors.com, said he's heard plenty of horror stories involving identity theft and student aid. The student first applies for financial aid and then finds out that someone has already obtained a student loan in his or her name.

Given that, students need to take time to get a free credit report at www.annualcreditreport.com before applying for any loans, including student loans, to be aware of any problems early in the game.

Eligibility for the federal PLUS loan and private student loans is based on the borrower's credit history. So taking time to review a credit report in advance of applying for those loans can be important, he said.

Kantrowitz's advice: Do not share the federal student aid PIN with anyone. The PIN is an electronic signature and can be used to sign education loan promissory notes. Beware of unsolicited scholarship opportunities. Do not click on links in out-of-the-blue email messages. Do not give out a Social Security number when simply applying for a scholarship, either.

Lt. David Scott in the crime and prevention section at the Wayne State University Police Department in Detroit said students need to realize that computers and smartphones, as well as wallets, can hold key ID information. One doesn't want to leave documents, such as a car registration, in a car's glove compartment, either, he said.

Adam Levin, chairman and co-founder of Identity Theft 911, said identity thieves troll sites such as Facebook and Instagram for potential victims and information, too. So don't overshare on social media.

Experian's Frost said she thinks college students overall need to be more aware of the ID theft risks. And she thinks a small safe for a college dorm room is not a bad idea, as important papers can be stored when not in use.

But even a safe isn't always a guarantee. Anthony Sprauve, senior consumer credit specialist with FICO/myFICO.com, said he might think twice about a small safe in a dorm because it might not help much unless it is bolted down.

Just seeing a safe in a dorm room might attract more interest from a thief, he said.

Adding a cross-cut paper shredder to a list might be an even better idea, some experts said, as students could want to shred some mail that has personal information on it.

One student's trash can quickly turn into an ID thief's gold mine.

By HEIDI STEVENS
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

To significantly decrease unwanted pregnancies, unsafe abortions, maternal deaths and sexually transmitted diseases globally, we should start talking to boys and girls about their sexual and reproductive health as young as age 10, says a new study out of Georgetown University.

"At a time when sexuality and gender identities are emerging, younger adolescents may experiment with adult sexual behaviors," write

authors Susan M. Igras, Marjorie Macieira, Elaine Murphy and Rebecka Lundgren. "But because of their cognitive developmental stage, (they) are unlikely to correctly assess risks and consequences."

The researchers define younger adolescence as ranging from age 10 to 14.

The study focuses on adolescent behaviors and risk around the globe, noting that 90 percent of the world's 1.2 billion adolescents live in lower- and middle-income countries. Efforts at curbing unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted dis-

eases—particularly HIV—have increased in many parts of the world since 1990, according to the study, but they're mostly directed at older youth.

Victoria Jennings, director of the Institute for Reproductive Health at Georgetown and a professor of obstetrics and gynecology, says the findings are important to consider in the United States as well—in all socioeconomic spheres.

"The implications are so clear," Jennings says. "Adolescents in all cultures and every social status are learning at 10, 11, 12 how to

match up to gender roles and expectations for them."

Children as young as 10 are beginning to process messages about how to be popular with the opposite sex, how to gain social status and what they gain—or lose—by delaying potentially risky behaviors.

Yet parents, educators and other decision-makers are often wary of introducing the topics of sexual and reproductive health to young adolescents, Jennings says, because they fear it will encourage them to engage in sexual behavior.

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†Vicente "Ben" Aldan Sanchez

Date of Birth: March 03, 1951

Called to his Eternal Rest on August 03, 2014

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Father: †Justo Lewis Sanchez
Mother: †Teresita Crisostimo Aldan
Brothers: †Vicente Elameto Sanchez
Joaquin Aldan Sanchez
Father-in-law: †Augustine B. Gaza

His Memories Will Forever Live in the Hearts of His:

Wife: Marichu Gaza Sanchez also known as "Anning"
Mother-in-law: Concepcion R. Gaza
Children: Ana Vicelle S./Mark Anthony T. Tesero
(Mayvian, Mayvaleen, Mathan, Mathea & Mark Jr.)
Theresa Ruth S./Peterkin F. Tababa
(Kepina, Kevina & Seth "Peter Boy")
Alberta Doreen S./Omar T. Tesero
(Jackilyn & Jha'annie)
Angelo G. Sanchez
Vicenta Christine G. Sanchez/Rolly Bermiso
(Christian)
Vincent John G. Sanchez
Rodalene Carmen G. Sanchez (Joanna-re)
Frank Anthony G. Sanchez
Bernadita S. and Gregorio Cruz & Children
†Vicente Elameto Sanchez
Lucio C. Aldan and Connie & Children
Francisca S. and †Vicente S. Castro & Children
Carmen A. Sanchez & Children
Leon A. Sanchez and Erlinda & Children
Justo A. Sanchez and Clara & Children
Veronica S. and George Cabrera & Children
Manuela S. and William Reyes & Children
Elena A. Cruz and A. Jahir & Children
Ruth Ann A. Sanchez and Mark Salas & Children
Francisco A. Sanchez & Children

He will be also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, in-laws, nieces, nephews, and many more relatives and friends.

Daily mass is offered at St. Jude at 6:00p.m. & on Sunday, August 8, 2014 at 6:00a.m.

On Monday, August 11, 2014, viewing and last respects will be held at CHCC Chapel from 7:00a.m. to 9:00a.m. At 9:30a.m., his remains will then be escorted to Kristo Rai Church, followed by interment at Tanapag Cemetery.

Your Thoughts, Prayers, and Presence are Greatly Appreciated
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Anning, Children & Family

Life & Style

Scrabblers rejoice: 5,000 new words are on the way

NEW YORK (AP)—To Scrabble fanatics, big gifts sometimes come in small packages.

The word “te” as a variant of “ti,” the seventh tone on the musical scale, is a hardworking little gem among 5,000 words added to “The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary,” out Aug. 11 from Merriam-Webster.

The dictionary’s last freshening up was a decade ago. Entries in the forthcoming book that include texter, vlog, bromance, hashtag, dubstep and selfie were mere twinkles on the racks of recreational players.

But it’s the addition of te and three other two-letter words—da, gi and po—that has Robin Pollock Daniel excited. Daniel, a clinical psychologist in Toronto, is a champion of the North American Scrabble Players Association, which has a committee that helps Merriam-Webster track down new, playable words of two to eight letters.

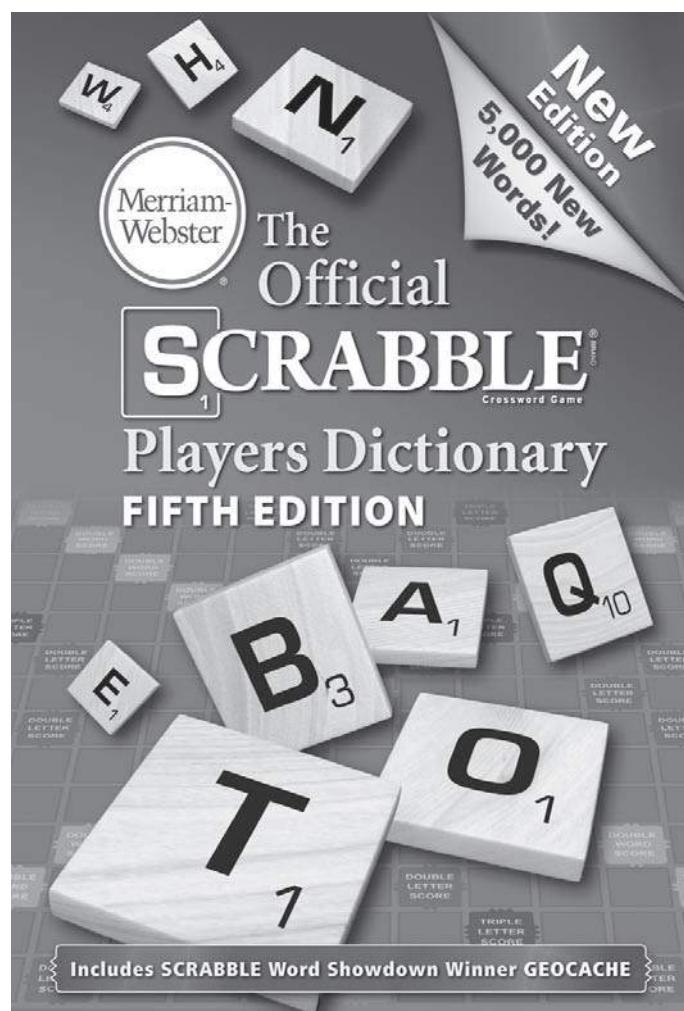
“Being able to hook an ‘e’ un-

derneath ‘t’ means that I can play far more words,” explained Daniel, who practices Scrabble two to four hours a day. “Sometimes you play parallel to a word and you’re making two-letter words along the way. I call those the amino acids of Scrabble. The more two-letter words we have, the more possibilities a word will fit.”

One woman’s te is another man’s “qajaq,” one of Peter Sokolowski’s favorites among the new words. He’s a lexicographer and editor at large for the Springfield, Massachusetts-based Merriam-Webster.

Qajaq, he said in a recent interview with Daniel, reflects the Inuit roots of kayak and would require a blank tile since Scrab-

This book cover image released by Merriam-Webster Inc. shows “The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary: Fifth Edition.”



ble sets include just one Q. But it’s a rare word starting with “q” that doesn’t require a “u.”

A bonus, to a word nerd like Sokolowski: qajaq is a palindrome, though that’s inconsequential in Scrabble.

The new words add about 40 pages to the Scrabble-sanctioned dictionary, which already lists more than 100,000 playable words. Definitions are kept to a minimum but parts of speech and whether a plural is available are noted.

To be included in the 36-year-old book—this is the fifth edition—a word must be found in a standard dictionary, can’t require capitalization, can’t have hyphens or apostrophes and can’t be an abbreviation, in addition to being two to eight letters, reflecting the seven tiles players draw plus an eighth already on the board they can attach a long word to for bonus points.

Among the highest potential scorers among the new additions is “quinzhee,” a shelter made by hollowing out a pile of snow. Played on the board’s top row, ending at the top right through an existing “u,” and

a player can score 401 points, including the 50-point “bingo” bonus for using all seven tiles.

Merriam-Webster didn’t identify all 5,000 new words but released a list of about 30 that also include:

Beatbox, buzzkill, chillax, coqui, frenemy, funplex, jockdom, joypad, mixtape, mojito, ponzu, qigong, schmutz, sudoku and yuzu. Geocache was also added, voted into the dictionary by the public during a Facebook contest in May.

“It makes the game more accessible to younger people, which we’re always looking for,” Daniel said of the update. “All the technology words make it more attractive to them.”

Sokolowski anticipates a transitional period for some players who may need time getting used to the idea that so many new words will soon be in play.

“It is going to be a big step for a lot of people to switch to this,” he said, “but at the same time if you’re sitting at a Scrabble game after dinner and somebody plays the word selfie and somebody challenges that as not a real word, well guess what? It is.”

a while, you need to wake up and smell the propane. I needed to be hit in the head before I started hitting the bricks.”

At the time of the 30th anniversary of the shooting, the Bradys told NPR they were no longer Republicans. “Times change,” Sarah Brady said.

Previously, he had worked in the administrations of Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford: as special assistant to the secretary of Housing and Urban Development, as special assistant to the director of the Office of Management and Budget, and as an assistant to the defense secretary.

The TV replays did take a toll on Brady. He told The Associated Press years later that he relived the moment each time.

“I want to take every bit of (that) film ... and put them in a cement incinerator, slosh them with gasoline and throw a lighted cigarette in,” he said.

Officials at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, where Hinckley is a patient, have said that the mental illness that led him to shoot Reagan in an effort to impress actress Jodie Foster has been in remission for decades. Hinckley has been allowed to leave the hospital to visit his mother’s home in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Brady was a strong Republican from an early age. As a boy of 12 in Centralia, Illinois, where he was born on Aug. 29, 1940, he distributed election literature for Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In a long string of political jobs, Brady worked for Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, Sen. William V. Roth Jr. of Delaware and John Connally, the former Texas governor

who ran for president in 1979.

When Connally dropped out, Brady joined Reagan’s campaign as director of public affairs and research.

President Barack Obama described Brady as a White House legend, who turned “the events of that terrible afternoon into a remarkable legacy of service.” Thanks to Brady and the law bearing his name, “an untold number of people are alive today who otherwise wouldn’t be,” the president said in a statement.

Dan Gross, president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, said in a statement that because of Brady’s work on gun control “there are few Americans in history who are as directly responsible for saving as many lives as Jim.” In its own statement, the National Rifle Association said it extended “heartfelt condolences” to Brady’s family.

Clinton awarded Brady the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996. In 2000, the press briefing room at the White House was renamed in his honor. The following year, Handgun Control Inc., was renamed the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

Clinton said Monday that Brady “transformed his own personal tragedy into an opportunity to inspire change—for more than three decades he and Sarah encouraged all of us to create a more just and secure nation, free from handgun violence.”

Jim Brady dies: Reagan aide, gun control advocate

By DOUGLASS K. DANIEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—A major trait that endeared Jim Brady to the Washington press corps was his sense of humor, especially when he made fun of his own boss.

When Ronald Reagan was campaigning for president in 1980, Reagan drew scorn from environmentalists for saying that trees were a greater source of pollution than cars. Aboard the campaign plane, Brady pointed at a forest fire in the distance and yelled, “Killer trees! Killer trees!” to the great amusement of reporters.

After the election, Reagan’s advisers appeared hesitant to appoint Brady press secretary. Nancy Reagan was said to feel the job required someone younger and better-looking than the 40-year-old, moon-faced, balding Brady.

“I come before you today not as just another pretty face but out of sheer talent,” Brady told reporters. A week later, he got the job.

Brady, who died Monday at 73, would need humor and much more after March 30, 1981. On that day John Hinckley Jr. attempted to assassinate Reagan outside the Washington Hilton Hotel just two months into the new president’s term. Reagan nearly died from a chest wound. Three others, including Brady, were struck by bullets from Hinckley’s handgun.

Shot in the head, Brady

lived through hours of delicate surgery and then many more operations over the years. But he never recovered the normal use of his limbs and was often in a wheelchair. Besides partial paralysis from brain damage, he suffered short-term memory impairment, slurred speech and

the White House press briefing room.

Mrs. Reagan, the former first lady, said Monday she was “deeply saddened to learn of Jim Brady’s passing today. Thinking of him brings back so many memories—happy and sad—of a time in all of our



This Feb. 11, 2000 file photo shows former White House press secretary for President Reagan James Brady, left, in a group photo following a dedication ceremony for the new James S. Brady Press Briefing Room at the White House in Washington.

constant pain.

Still, along with his wife, Sarah, he went on to become the face and as much as possible the voice of the gun-control movement in the United States. A federal law requiring background checks for handgun buyers bears his name, as does

lives when we learned what it means to ‘play the hand we’re dealt.’”

The lasting public image of Brady came from the worst day of his life. A news clip of the 1981 shooting, replayed often on television and in documentaries, showed him sprawled

Keke Palmer to be Broadway's 1st black Cinderella

NEW YORK (AP)—Like many girls, actress and singer Keke Palmer grew up dreaming of meeting a prince who would whisk her away to a life of love and happiness. In her case, it's going to happen—eight shows a week on Broadway.

Palmer said she'll be stepping into the title role in "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" starting Sept. 9 at the Broadway Theatre. She will become the first African-American to play the part on the Great White Way.

"It's honestly one of those things that I can't believe is really happening," Palmer said by phone Friday from her Los Angeles home. "I'm very excited. Very excited and nervous as well—a bunch of feelings all at once."

Palmer, 21, is stepping into the sparkly shoes first worn by Tony-nominated Laura Osnes, then put on by "Call Me Maybe" Canadian pop star Carly Rae Jepsen and currently worn by Paige Faure, who launches a national tour in the title role this fall.

Palmer, who will be making her professional stage debut, will rely on a host of skills she's developed from film—including "Barbershop 2: Back in Business" and "Akeelah and the Bee"—her BET talk show, "Just Keke," and on TV in Showtime's "Masters of Sex." Her albums include the 2007 CD "So Uncool" and a self-titled 2012 EP.

She has played Chili in "CrazySexyCool: The TLC Story" and starred in Nickelodeon's "True Jackson, VP." Palmer also

appeared opposite Cicely Tyson and Vanessa Williams in Lifetime's "A Trip to Bountiful," which was nominated for an Emmy Award.

"She acts beautifully, she dances, she sings—she's an amazing young woman," Tony Award-winning producer Robyn Goodman said. "I think she's going to be just so lovely."

The Illinois-born actress's parents, Sharon and Larry Palmer, both worked as professional actors, and young Keke said she grew up watching theater and welcomes the discipline it will give her.

"Theater offers so much more than I haven't been able



Palmer

to access doing film and TV and everything like that," she said. "I'm very excited to learn all that it has to offer—that focus and that dedication to perform at a certain level every night."

One of Palmer's heroines growing up was the singer and actress Brandy Norwood, who played Cinderella in a 1997 TV movie opposite Whitney Houston. "I feel like the reason I'm able to do this is definitely because Brandy did it on TV," Palmer said. "In me doing this, it shows everybody that everything is possible."

The producers of "Rodgers

& Hammerstein's Cinderella" have always been colorblind about casting the show, which Actors Equity honored for excellence in diversity on Broadway last year.

"We've always just cast the best people for the parts. Sometimes they're African-American, sometimes they're Latino, sometimes Asian-American," Goodman said. "It's wonderful when it works out and we've finally found our Cinderella."

The traditional fairy tale has been given a sly and witty makeover by Douglas Carter Beane, who updated the story for a new generation. The songs by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II include "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible" and "Do

I Love You Because You're Beautiful?"

"Every girl's dream is that story so to be able to play is going to be a dream come true for me. Not to mention that Stuart Weitzman made the glass slippers I'll be wearing," Palmer said, laughing.

Winning the role of Cinderella is the latest breakthrough for African-Americans on Broadway, joining Norm Lewis as the first black man to play the title role in "The Phantom of the Opera," Nikki M. James playing Eponine in "Les Misérables," James Monroe Iglehart as the manic Genie in "Aladdin" and Condola Rashad as Juliet opposite Orlando Bloom's Romeo.

"Look around America. Broadway is a little behind America," Goodman said.

Fingertip bitten off at Beyoncé-Jay Z concert

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Authorities say a man was arrested at Jay-Z and Beyoncé's Rose Bowl concert in Southern California after allegedly groping a woman and then biting off the tip of her boyfriend's finger during a fight.

The San Gabriel Valley Tribune reports (<http://bit.ly/1ANLjCC>) that 25-year-old Roberto Alcaraz-Garnica of San Diego was taken into custody Saturday on suspicion of sexual battery and mayhem.

Pasadena police Lt. John Luna says Alcaraz-Garnica was

accused of groping a woman in her 20s. When the woman's boyfriend confronted him, a fight broke out. Luna says during the altercation the suspect bit off the tip of one of the boyfriend's fingers.

Alcaraz-Garnica was being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail. It isn't known if he has a lawyer.

Police say 10 other people were arrested during Saturday's concert, which drew about 55,000 fans.

A second concert was held Sunday.

Nickelodeon making 'School of Rock' series

NEW YORK (AP)—The "School of Rock" will soon be back in session, this time on television.

Nickelodeon said Monday it has ordered 13 episodes of a "School of Rock" series from Paramount Television, and it will premiere next spring. The 2003 movie starred Jack Black as a

rocker who poses as a substitute teacher at a tony prep school.

No cast members have been set for the series yet. Richard Linklater, the movie's director, and producer Scott Rudin will be executive producers.

It's the first children's television series from producers Paramount Television.

his ideas on it, and to have his comments on the dailies, (was) really helpful. And good ideas for the script, too.

"So it was like we made

it together, me and Steven Spielberg."

"The Hundred-Foot Journey" stars Helen Mirren as the prickly, prideful owner of

a Michelin-rated French restaurant who bristles when an Indian family opens their own eatery across the street. The film opens Friday.



AP

In this Saturday, July 12, 2014 photo, Helen Mirren, left, and director Lasse Hallstrom pose for a portrait during press day for "The Hundred-Foot Journey" at The Four Seasons in Los Angeles.

Expectant mom with a past must consider baby's future

DEAR ABBY: Coming out of an abusive relationship in the past, I made some poor decisions. I moved away from home and into pornography and prostitution. I come from a small town, and it became a big deal when it hit the Internet. Everyone in my generation back home knew what I did.

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WONDERING IN NEW JERSEY

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five to seven days. Of course, for this to happen, the milk must be stored properly, at a temperature at or below 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

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Bengals' QB Dalton signs \$115M, six-year deal



CINCINNATI (AP)—Andy Dalton is relieved. So are the Cincinnati Bengals.

Everyone one was all smiles around Bengals camp on Monday when the team made Dalton one of the highest-paid quarterbacks in the league.

Dalton signed a six-year extension, but the financial terms were not released. According to multiple reports, the deal is worth up to \$115 million.

"We're betting big on him because we believe in him," Bengals owner Mike Brown said.

Dalton said now that the deal is done he can concentrate solely on football.

"You do have it in the back of your mind, when is it going to get done," Dalton said. "Now we don't have to worry about it. Like (coach) Marvin (Lewis) said, just play the game and I don't have to have this hanging over me."

"To get this opportunity to come to the city of Cincinnati, get drafted here and play for the Bengals and now sign this extension and be here for a long time, I'm just so blessed."

Brown said it was a "happy news day" for the organization.

"This is important to solidify our franchise going forward. Andy has earned his place here," Brown said. "He has gained the confidence of the players, the coaches and the management of the team."

Added Dalton: "We're excited to know we're going to be here for a long time."



In this Aug. 1, 2014 file photo, Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton (14) passes the ball during practice at the NFL football team's training camp in Cincinnati. The Bengals on Monday, Aug. 4, 2014, made Dalton one of the highest-paid quarterbacks in the league.

The quarterback has passed for more than 3,000 yards in each of his three seasons. He led the Bengals to an 11-5 record and AFC North title in 2013. He set career highs with 33 touchdown passes and 20 interceptions. Dalton was a second-round draft choice in 2011.

Dalton has been criticized for throwing six interceptions with only one touchdown in three postseason losses. Lewis said Dalton is still improving.

"It's stating the obvious that this is a key move for the ongoing success of our team," Lewis said. "I congratulate our front office, and Andy and his representatives, for coming together to make this happen in a constructive way for the football team. Andy is still a young player, he has led us to the playoffs three straight years, and by far we have not seen the best of him yet."

Dalton said the big contract

won't put any extra pressure on him to perform.

"We have high expectations for what we're trying to do this year, and so regardless of the contract, I would have expected to go into the season with the same mentality and same attitude," Dalton said.

Meanwhile, in Ohio, Johnny Manziel took a planned trip one slot up the depth chart. There's no telling how long No. 2 will stay No. 1.

David Stern set to enter basketball's Hall of Fame



NEW YORK (AP)—David Stern remembers

the days when an NBA staff that numbered about two dozen was just trying to keep some teams in existence long enough to get them on national TV.

Now the former commissioner looks at a league whose 1980 championship series was not broadcast live but now has games televised around the world, whose players average more than \$5 million a year in salary as the highest-paid team athletes in sports, and sometimes can't believe he and his colleagues pulled it off.

"You can't even do justice to everything that everybody has done," Stern said in a phone interview. "All you can do is focus on small chunks of it, but it's great fun to contemplate how the NBA family has pulled together to be at a place where our players are now at the top of the celebrity period."

"Pretty, pretty amazing and great."

It helped to have marketable stars like Magic Johnson, Larry Bird and Michael Jordan.

But now comes an honor for the person most responsible for it.

Stern will be enshrined Friday in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, part of a 2014 class that includes former players Alonzo Mourning

The rookie quarterback took snaps with Cleveland's starters for the first time in practice at training camp on Monday, moving ahead of Brian Hoyer for at least one day.

Coach Mike Pettine said Manziel's promotion was simply the next step in the club's evaluation of the two quarterbacks in the second full week of their competition for the starting job.

"It's just part of our plan," Pettine said. "We said we were going to allow the quarterbacks to compete, at some point you've got to mix up the supporting cast a little bit. It's all part of it."

Manziel's promotion - planned or not - caused quite a stir at Browns camp as another large crowd lined the fields behind team headquarters to get a close look at Hoyer vs. Johnny Football.

Pettine knew the decision to move the popular Manziel in with the starters would cause a commotion.

"That's great," he said, shrugging his shoulders. "That comes with the territory."

Tiger watch is on for PGA Championships



LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Joe LaCava walked nearly every blade of grass on the 18th green at Valhalla Golf Club, jotting notes in his yardage book after stepping off the distances from every edge of the green to every possible pin position. It was just like any other Monday at a major.

The caddie just didn't know whether any of this information would be useful in the PGA Championship. LaCava was awaiting word on whether his boss - Tiger Woods - would be healthy enough to play the final major of the year.

"I'm optimistic," LaCava said after he finished charting the entire golf course. "I'm hoping he plays. So I'm just doing whatever work I would normally do."

The caddie was at Valhalla. So was his car, a silver SUV parked in the spot assigned to the four-time PGA champion.

As for Woods?

Stay tuned. His agent, Mark Steinberg at Excel Sports Management, said in an email that Monday would be too early for doctors to decide whether

Woods could or even should try to play this week after another back injury.

The PGA of America said that Woods would not have his previously scheduled news conference Tuesday morning. It did not provide additional details.

Woods took another turn toward an uncertain future when he withdrew after eight holes and one final shot Sunday at the Bridgestone Invitational. Before leaving Firestone, he said he jarred his back when he hopped into a deep bunker after playing a shot on the par-5 second hole from an awkward lie off the slope above the sand.

"It's just the whole lower back," Woods said. "I don't know what happened."

Making the picture look even bleaker was the timing. Woods had back surgery March 31 to alleviate the pain from a pinched nerve. The Bridgestone Invitational was only his third tournament since returning from a three-month absence. And there he went again, riding off the golf course in a cart, struggling to even remove his shoes before LaCava drove him to the airport for a flight back to Florida for evaluation.

"Obviously, I feel bad for him," Rory McIlroy told the BBC on Monday. "The game of golf really needs Tiger. He's had a few withdrawals the past couple of years. I think the first thing is just to get fit and 100 percent healthy, even if that means taking the year off and coming back next year ready to play golf."

If he doesn't play the PGA Championship, his season indeed would be over.

Woods has to win the final major of the year to qualify for the FedEx Cup playoffs. He would have to win to clinch a spot on the Ryder Cup team. And by the sound of U.S. captain Tom Watson, he would have to play at Valhalla to even merit consideration as a wild-card selection.

"Tiger would be a great addition to our team," Watson told SiriusXM PGA Tour Radio on Monday. "I've said all along, I would pick Tiger Woods if he's healthy and playing well. This doesn't bode well right now. I just hope that maybe it's just an isolated problem that he can turn around and possibly play this week at the PGA."

Watson said he watched the entire front nine and knew some-

thing was wrong with Woods after his tee shot on the par-3 fifth hole came up 65 yards short.

"You don't hit that terrible a shot ever - ever," Watson said. "And I said, 'Something is wrong.'"

LaCava noticed it much earlier, when Woods hit a shot so heavy that it came up 30 yards short of the flag and into the water on the third hole.

"I knew he was hurting when he fatted the one on 3, which he never does," LaCava said. "He never fats them like that."

Woods kept playing, though, until grimacing on a tee shot at the ninth, slowly bending to remove his tee and calling for a cart to take him in. Why not stop sooner?

"He's tough," LaCava said. "Tough and stubborn would be two good words."

Woods has not been back to Valhalla in 14 years, not since that high-charged playoff victory over Bob May that gave Woods his third straight major on his way to an unprecedented sweep of the majors at the height of his game. Woods was recovering from season-ending knee surgery in 2008 and did not play in the Ryder Cup.

Orioles hit 2 homers, rally past Nationals



Baltimore Orioles' Adam Jones is out at second as Washington Nationals second baseman Asdrubal Cabrera (3) falls to the ground after turning a double-play on a grounder by Orioles' Nelson Cruz during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 4, 2014, in Washington. The Orioles won, 7-3.



WASHINGTON
(AP)—Caleb Joseph

homered and drove in three runs, J.J. Hardy had four hits and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Washington Nationals 7-3 on Monday night in a duel between neighboring first-place teams.

Nick Markakis homered for the Orioles, who trailed 3-1 before rallying for their eighth win in 11 games.

Hardy and Ryan Flaherty opened the seventh with successive doubles off Tanner Roark (11-7) to tie it at 3. Delmon Young followed with an RBI single - making him 9 for 17 as a pinch-hitter this season - and Adam Jones capped the uprising with a run-scoring single, Baltimore's sixth hit of the inning.

Joseph singled in two runs in the eighth to make it 7-3.

Kevin Gausman (6-3) gave up three runs and eight hits in six innings for the Orioles.

The game was a makeup of the July 8 contest that was postponed by rain. A sellout crowd of 42,181 - many of them wearing Oriole orange - showed up to watch teams located just 38 miles apart on I-295.

Washington's lead over Atlanta in the NL East slipped to three games and Baltimore increased its margin over Toronto to four games in the AL East.

Roark allowed five runs, the most he yielded in 16 starts since May 3. He won his previous four starts, allowing only one run in each game.

Wilson Ramos put the Nationals up 1-0 in the second inning with his first home run

since July 9, against the Orioles. Joseph homered in the third, the first run against Washington in 23 innings. In the bottom half, Jayson Werth hit a sacrifice fly after a double by Denard Span, who has reached via a hit or walk in 30 straight games.

Markakis made it 3-2 in the fifth with his 10th home run, matching his total of last season.

Angels 5, Dodgers 0

In Los Angeles, Garrett Richards pitched a five-hitter for his first career shutout, Mike Trout and Albert Pujols had RBI doubles in a four-run first inning, and the Los Angeles Angels opened the Freeway Series with a 5-0 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Monday night.

Josh Hamilton homered in the sixth for the Angels, who improved the majors' second-best record to 67-44 with their seventh win in 10 games.

Richards (12-4) was dominant in his first nine-inning complete game, striking out nine and retiring 15 of 16 in the middle innings with a fastball regularly hitting 98 mph. He finished his first victory in four starts by getting pinch-hitter Andre Ethier on a groundout.

Richards outpitched Zack Greinke (12-7), who has just one victory in his last five starts.

Greinke yielded six hits and three earned runs in seven innings despite giving up just two hits after that messy first inning.

The NL-leading Dodgers opened the home half of this four-game interleague matchup with just their third loss in 10 games.

A day after scoring five runs in the first inning at Tampa Bay, the

Angels had another quick start on the road. They led 4-0 after four hits, two unearned runs, two wild pitches by Greinke and two horrible fielding misplays from Carl Crawford and Hanley Ramirez.

White Sox 5, Rangers 3

In Chicago, Tyler Flowers homered and drove in three runs and Jose Abreu had two hits and two RBIs to lead the Chicago White Sox to a rain-shortened 5-3 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

The game was called in the bottom of the seventh inning following a 57-minute delay.

Flowers went 3 for 3 and was a double shy of a cycle. He scored two runs as the White Sox snapped a two-game losing streak.

Abreu, who has 86 RBIs, went 2 for 3 on a day when he named the American League's player and rookie of the month for July. The Cuban slugger also won both awards in April and is the only rookie to win the player of the month award twice.

Rougned Odor had a two-run homer for Texas, which has lost four straight.

Hector Noesi (6-8) bounced back from a rough outing at Detroit in his last start - six runs in six innings - to allow one earned run and four hits in seven innings.

Texas starter Nick Martinez (1-8) allowed five runs and eight hits in five-plus innings. The rookie has lost his last seven decisions.

The Rangers scored a run in the first inning on Adrian Beltre's RBI single and stretched the lead to 3-0 on the two-run homer by Odor in the second. Both runs in the second were un-

earned because of Noesi's error on a grounder to first by catcher Robinson Chirinos. He dropped the throw from Abreu that would have been the third out.

Athletics 3, Rays 2

In Oakland, Derek Norris singled up the middle with two outs and the bases loaded in the 10th inning against former Oakland closer Grant Balfour, and the Athletics beat the Tampa Bay Rays 3-2 on Monday night.

Norris notched his second career game-ending RBI against Balfour (1-4) in Oakland's eighth walkoff win.

The AL West-leading A's remained one game ahead of the Los Angeles Angels and avoided losing consecutive home games for just the second time this season.

The A's loaded the bases against Balfour, who received a mound visit before Brandon Moss stepped in with a chance at a fourth grand slam but struck out. Norris delivered with his first game-ending RBI since June 24, 2012, against the Giants.

Rays manager Joe Maddon was ejected by first base umpire Quinn Wolcott during the inning and rushed the field to argue.

Ryan Cook (1-1) earned the win on a night the A's left stranded 18.

Indians 7, Reds 1

In Cleveland, Max Scherzer was in awe of Ezequiel Carrera's catch. The reigning Cy Young Award winner didn't think much for his pitching, though.

Scherzer lost for the first time since June as Brandon McCarthy and the New York Yankees shut

down the AL Central-leading Detroit Tigers 2-1 on Monday night.

Carrera made a highlight reel catch with the bases loaded in the third inning, turning Jacoby Ellsbury's sure extra-base hit into a sacrifice fly. Making his first start this season, Carrera made a flat out dive toward the center field wall to snare the liner that got over his head.

"We are going to see that one replayed for a while. That was spectacular. ... I mean, wow!" Scherzer said. "I was happy that he caught the ball, really pumped about that but I was kind of more frustrated with my pitching at that point."

Carrera was making his first start in center field for Detroit.

"Very happy," Carrera said through a translator. "Being aggressive is what helped me make the play and that is what I am trying to do here with the team."

Scherzer (13-4) gave up nine hits over seven innings in losing for the first time since June 17, a span of eight starts. The reigning AL Cy Young winner yielded Ellsbury's sacrifice fly and Brian McCann's RBI single in the third.

Ian Kinsler made two nice plays at second base in the third and had an RBI single in the fifth after Eugenio Suarez reached on third baseman Martin Prado's throwing error.

"Kinsler had that catch. You know the defense was good," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said. It was "part of the reason it was a low scoring game but we just could not muster up some runs."

Giants 4, Mets 3

In New York, there was a lengthy era in New York Mets history when their fans would dread the opening of the bullpen door. Over the past few months, though, it's become a welcome and reassuring sight with relievers shutting down opponents.

But an unsettling image of past failures echoed at Citi Field on Monday when both Jeurys Familia and closer Jenrry Mejia surrendered key runs that cost the Mets a 4-3 decision to the San Francisco Giants.

Familia, who had gone 13 straight relief appearances since June 30 without permitting an earned run, didn't retire any of the four batters he faced in the seventh inning as the Giants scored the tying run.

Mejia, the Mets' sixth pitcher of the afternoon, had allowed just one earned run since June 18 until he surrendered what proved to be the winning run in the ninth.

"I was real surprised," Mets manager Terry Collins said after the pair couldn't save it for starter Dillon Gee, who left with a 3-2 lead in the sixth.

Yankees 2, Tigers 1

In New York, Brandon McCarthy won his fourth start in a row with a gritty effort as the New York Yankees took the first of three straight matchups against

Cubs prospect Baez is set to join team in Colorado

DENVER (AP)—Touted prospect Javier Baez will join the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday in Colorado and could make his major league debut in the three-game series against the Rockies.

The 21-year-old Baez got off to a slow start this year in the minors, but has been playing well of late. The middle infielder, who is known for his tremendous bat speed, hit .300 with 12 homers and 34 RBIs in his last 32 games for Triple-A Iowa.

Baez will have his contract purchased from the minors before the series opener against Colorado. There was no word Monday on a corresponding roster move.

Baez is part of a loaded minor league system for Chicago that Cubs fans are hoping will lead the team back to respectability after a string of down years. The Cubs are 47-63 this season and in last in the NL Central.

Meanwhile, San Francisco Giants pitcher Matt Cain will have season-ending surgery next week to remove bone chips in his right elbow.

Manager Bruce Bochy said "it was inevitable" that Cain would have surgery. Bochy said after Monday's 4-3 win over the New York Mets that Cain would have the operation and look forward to getting ready for spring training.

The 29-year-old Cain hasn't pitched since July 9. The three-time All-Star played catch at Citi Field on Friday to test out how he was feeling.

Cain was 2-7 with a 4.18 ERA in 15 starts.

The Giants are in the race for the NL West title. They recently acquired veteran pitcher Jake Peavy in a trade with Boston.

Detroit's Cy Young Award winners, beating Max Scherzer and the Tigers.

Brian McCann hit an RBI single and Jacoby Ellsbury had a sacrifice fly in the third inning. Center fielder Ezequiel Carrera made a sensational catch on Ellsbury's deep drive with the bases loaded.

McCarthy (4-0) allowed five hits and an unearned run in 5 2-3 innings. The Yankees have won each of his five starts since being acquired from Arizona. David Robertson was perfect in the ninth for his 30th save.

Scherzer (13-4) gave up nine hits over seven innings in losing for the first time since June 17, a span of eight starts.

US cuts 3 players from World Cup roster



NEW YORK

(AP)—The U.S. men's national team cut John Wall, Bradley Beal and Paul Millsap on Monday, a person with knowledge of the details said, leaving the roster at 16 players.

With Paul George lost to a broken right leg, the Americans will have to drop four more players before the World Cup of Basketball starts later this month in Spain.

The Americans made the cuts that had been planned for Saturday but delayed after George's injury, the person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the roster moves were to be announced Tuesday. They were first reported by Yahoo Sports.

Remaining in the roster pool are: Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant, Chicago's Derrick Rose, Cleveland's Kyrie Irving, New Orleans' Anthony Davis, Golden State's Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson, Houston's James Harden, Atlanta's Kyle Korver, Sacramento's DeMarcus Cousins, Dallas' Chandler Parsons, Utah's Gordon Hayward, Toronto's DeMar DeRozan, Portland's Damian Lillard, Denver's Kenneth Faried, Detroit's Andre Drummond and Brooklyn's Mason Plumlee.

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Mariana Resort's offense, scoring six of the team's first 10 points, while Joseph Galulu and Boy Garcia combined for eight of the squad's last 10 markers for their 20-13 advantage. Degree trailed right in the first period, as it made only five field goals and only Alex Ocampo hit more than one basket in the first 10 minutes of play.

Field goals were still hard to come by for Degree in the second canto, as it tallied only 10 points. Again, only one Degree player managed to nail more than one basket in the second period with Edong Echavez converting back-to-back shots to end the scoring for Degree. Fortunately for Degree, Mariana Resort did not perform well on offense either, recording only 14 points. De Guzman

will report to Chicago for practices that begin Aug. 14.

Wall and Beal, teammates in Washington, were part of a crowded backcourt that's particularly deep at point guard, Wall's position. Millsap, Atlanta's All-Star forward, was the last player added to the roster of players who were invited to Las Vegas for training camp.

George was injured during an intrasquad exhibition game Friday and the Indiana Pacers' All-Star forward could miss the 2014-15 season. Coach Mike Krzyzewski doesn't think the injury will cause players to rethink playing for the national team.

"I really believe that the players will still want to play and will want to serve their country and get better and be part of an experience that only a few get a chance to be a part of," he said Monday on Sirius XM NBA Radio.

Meanwhile, NBA commissioner Adam Silver said he does not expect significant changes in the NBA's participation in international competition after George broke his right leg while helping Team USA prepare for the FIBA World Cup.

"Without a doubt, basketball has grown tremendously since 1992, when NBA players began playing in the Olympics," Silver said in a statement to ESPN.

man added six more points in the second frame to up Mariana Resort's advantage to 11, 34-23.

In the third canto, neither team broke into the 20-point barrier, anew, but Mariana Resort still outgunned Degree to stretch its lead to 16, 52-36, entering the payoff frame. Seven different players hit the board for Mariana Resort in the third quarter, while Degree leaned on six players.

Degree continued to draw points from multiple players in the fourth, but this was not enough to put them back in the game, as Mariana Resort also distributed the wealth in the final canto to keep its safe distance and spoil the former's bid to enter the win column.

De Guzman led all scorers with his 22 points, while Joseph Galulu chipped in 12. Jun Alipio, Boy Garcia, and

"Also, it's important to note the (improvement) many of our players have made in terms of ability, leadership and passion for the game by playing for their home countries. Injuries can happen any place at any time. The experiences our players have enjoyed by participating in their national teams, however, are ones that are unique and special in almost every other way. At this point, I don't anticipate a major shift in the NBA's participation in international competitions."

"It seems clear, however, that this will be a topic at our next NBA competition committee meeting in September and our board of governors meeting in October. And, of course, we will continue to evaluate the pros and cons of participating in international tournaments."

George's injury is the most serious one in the history of USA Basketball. The injury prompted Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, a longtime critic of the International Olympic Committee, to blast the organization as only interested in making money off the NBA.

"The IOC is playing the NBA," Cuban told ESPN.com on Saturday. "The IOC is an organization that has been rife with corruption, to the point where a member was accused

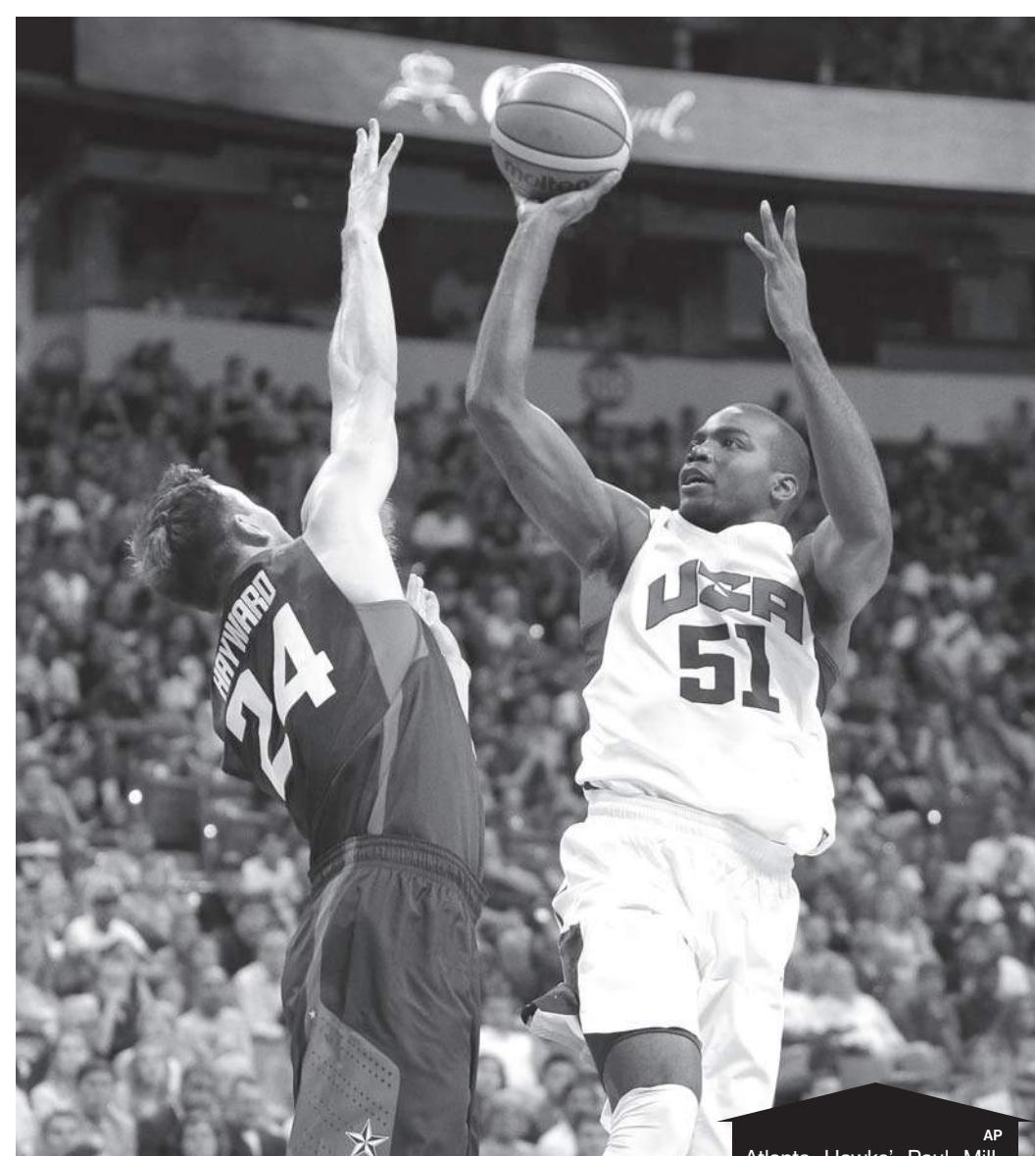
Elmer Pineda combined for 25 points to complete Mariana Resort's balance offense. Ocampo had 14 for Degree, while Jinang had a quiet 11 markers, scoring only one field goal apiece in the first three quarters before knocking in one triple and a two-point field goal in the fourth.

Meanwhile, Armatech and I Love Saipan played in the second game of the Docomo Pacific Cup and results of the will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Thursday edition.

Mariana Resort 77 – De Guzman 22, Galulu 12, Alipio 9, Garcia 8, Pineda 8, Stohle 5, de la Torre 5, Cortez 4, Abuan 3.

Degree 59 – Ocampo 14, Jinang 11, Sampang 8, Geli 7, Catungal 6, Echavez 4, Surima 4, Ebuen 3.

Scoring by quarters: 20-13, 34-23, 52-36, 77-59.



Atlanta Hawks' Paul Millsap (52) goes up for a shot against Utah Jazz's Gordon Hayward (24) during the USA Basketball Showcase game Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, in Las Vegas. AP

of trying to fix an Olympic event in Salt Lake. The IOC (makes) billions of dollars. They make a killing and make Tony Soprano look like a saint. The pros in multiple sports are smart enough to not play when they are eligible free agents.

But teams take on huge financial risk so that the IOC committee members can line their pockets. The greatest trick ever played was the IOC convincing the world that the Olympics were about patriotism and national pride instead of money.

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da (Aug. 13), and U.S. southeast (Aug. 14).

"I wished we know a lot of things about our opponents, so we can make a game plan. They don't know us, either, so when we go out there our players must anticipate anything—from fly balls to home runs. They have to be thinking players when they are out on the field, read the plays and react quickly. They also have to listen to the coaches instructions—when we tell them to bunt, they should bunt," said Tenorio, who went for the strategic bunts in their

title win against Guam.

Tenorio's squad was the first CNMI team to make it to the World Series since 2010 and this year's selection hopes to avoid the misfortunes that hit the 2010 group. The 2010 Asia Pacific champions failed to notch a single win in the competition, losing to Palm Bay, Florida, 5-6, Holmes County, Ohio, 4-14, Manhattan Beach, California, 0-11, and eventual champion Aruba, 4-8. Aruba won in the finals against Bangor, 8-1.

"We will definitely go all out there and do our best to represent the CNMI and the Asia Pacific well. We're up to the challenge," Tenorio said.

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took only two games to down Jordan Pangilinan, 21-19, 21-10. In Class B matches, Ezekiel Macario routed John Canto, 21-0, 21-11, while Joel Ortega defeated Edwin Montoya, 21-14, 21-12. In the two other men's singles matches (Class C), A.J. Ortega topped Sato San, 21-17, 21-11, while Toshiako recorded the lone victory via three games in the men's singles after rallying

past Sang Do Park, 20-21, 21-20, 21-14.

In the women's A singles, defending champion Hannah Choi edged Janelle Pangilinan, 21-18, 21-19, while Nicole Malasarte dominated Rowena Sison in their Class B tiff, 21-14, 21-6. In the C singles, Patricia Abantao swept Vilma Reyes, 21-10, 21-12.

In the doubles division, the pair of Shirley Kim and Lani Santos notched back-to-back wins in the 35-and-above category in Day 3 of the annual

competition. They first prevailed over Elna Curate and Roxe Lazaro, 21-17, 21-19, before beating Cristy Villaflor and Judy Mendieta, 21-14, 21-15. In the third women's 35-and-above doubles match, Alma Ortega and Sally Im needed three games to nip Merlie Tolentino and Emily Vargas, 21-16, 21-16, 21-16.

Though they lost in the 35-and-above age group, Mendieta and Vargas managed to secure a win last Sunday after outclassing Gwyn-

ette and Janine Florentino in the Class C, 21-18, 21-14. In Class B, Windy Fernandez and Toshiko Obata crushed Cheng Saturno and Lucella Lampera, 21-13, 21-9.

In the men's division, the two Class C matches were decided after only two games with Patrick Fernandez and Leo Su and Cano and Jeremi Montenejo on the winning end. Fernandez and Su beat Ariel Jinang and Ray Musada, 21-17, 21-18, while Cano and Montenejo triumphed over Sato and Jun Kim, 21-14,

21-12.

In the lone men's 35-and-above doubles, Oh Im Bog and Yu swept Jinang and Musada, 21-14, 21-14, while in Class B, Chris Hilario and Aries Cordero got a free win (default) over Ariel Mariano and Panapa Peteru.

The men's and women's singles and doubles events in the Shirley's Badminton Classic have a round-robin format in the elimination with only the Top 4 players/teams advancing to the playoffs.

The players and owners should get together and create our own World Cup of Basketball."

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

Baltimore	63	48	.568	—
Toronto	60	53	.531	4
New York	58	53	.523	5
Tampa Bay	54	58	.482	9½
Boston	49	62	.441	14

Central Division

Detroit	61	48	.560	—
Kansas City	57	53	.518	4½
Cleveland	57	55	.509	5½
Chicago	55	58	.487	8
Minnesota	50	60	.455	11½

West Division

Oakland	68	43	.613	—
Los Angeles	67	44	.604	1
Seattle	57	54	.514	11
Houston	47	65	.420	21½
Texas	43	69	.384	25½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	60	50	.545	—
Atlanta	58	54	.518	3
Miami	54	57	.486	6½
New York	53	59	.473	8
Philadelphia	49	63	.438	12

Central Division

Milwaukee	61	51	.545	—
St. Louis	59	51	.536	1
Pittsburgh	59	52	.532	1½
Cincinnati	56	56	.500	5
Chicago	47	63	.427	13

West Division

Los Angeles	63	50	.558	—
San Francisco	61	51	.545	1½
San Diego	51	60	.459	11
Arizona	49	63	.438	13½
Colorado	44	67	.396	18

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19th Tournament of Champions Winners Part 1

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First place winners in the different flights pose for a group photo after the awards ceremony for the 19th Tournament of Champions last Sunday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.



Yuko Togawa, center, smiles after getting her third place award in the Ladies Low Gross.



Joseph Muna, center, shows his third place award.

Feng Chun Jin holds his runner-up award.



Leo Ganacias, center, receives the runner-up prize in the B Flight.



Chang Yoo, center, poses with her runner-up prize in the Ladies Low Net and joins DFS Saipan president Marian Aldan-Pierce and a representative from Titan Imports, Inc. for a photo.



Mi Ae Jeon, center, receives her first place award in the Ladies Low Net category from Titan Imports, Inc. managing director John Antenor Cruz, right.



B Flight's Takao Urasawa, center, poses with his first place award.



Guam junior golfer Rachel Peterson, second left, is given the runner-up award in the Ladies Low Gross.



Noriko Togawa, center, receives her third place award in the Ladies Low Gross category from DFS Saipan president Marian Aldan-Pierce and a representative from Titan Imports, Inc.



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CNMI sluggers leave for World Series

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The CNMI Senior League All-Star Team will head to Bangor, Maine this Friday to compete in the World Series.

The Commonwealth sluggers will represent the Asia Pacific-Middle East region in the tournament that will run from Aug. 9 to 16 at the Shawn T. Mansfield Stadium. They were crowned the regional champions and earned a World Series ticket after an 8-6 victory over Guam in the finals of the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament last month at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

The World Series-bound team is composed of Kenji

Yamagata, Virolanson Secharmidal, Melvin Sakisat Jr. Jobe Reyes, Jhace Palacios, Franko Nakamura, Michael Muna, Joseph Lifoifoi Jr., Darion Jones, A.J. Evangelista, Jeffrey Dela Cruz, Kelvin Deleon Guerrero, Nathan Camacho, Jerald Cabrera, Jessie Brel, and Craig Aguon. Patrick Tenorio is the team manager, while Anthony Leon Guerrero and Jack Deleon Guerrero are the coaches.

"We're ready despite the limited practice time at the field due to frequent raining last month. The boys worked on drills inside the Ada gym through the help of Tony Rogolifoi and Mike Pangilinan and

before that they've been training hard before we went to the Philippines, so we will be fine," Tenorio said in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune*. "We'll take it one game at a time, assess the situation on hand, and adjust to the plays happening at the field," Tenorio added when asked about the teams they will be facing in the World Series.

The CNMI players will go up against the host, then Canada, and teams from U.S. southeast and west districts. The Asia Pacific-Middle East champions will first play Bangor on Aug. 11 (Aug. 12 on Saipan) and then duel U.S. west (Aug. 12), Cana-

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Darion Jones, seen here pitching for the Enforcers during the Saipan Little League Baseball this year, is suiting up for the CNMI Senior All-Star Team that will compete in the World Series in Bangor, Maine next week.



Straight game wins in Day 3 of Shirley's Badminton Classic

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Sixteen of the 18 matches played in Day 3 of the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic wrapped up after only two games, giving eight singles



players and seven doubles teams easy victories last Sunday at the TSL Sports

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Complex.

In the men's singles division, Class A, Macoi Aguda pulled off an upset over Glenn Blutjens, 21-16, 21-19, while last year's finalist Ferdie Arago also



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Leo Su chases a low shot from A.J. Ortega during their men's C singles game in the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Mariana Resort back on track

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Mariana Resort returned to its winning ways after easing past Degree, 77-59, in the curtain raiser in the 2014 Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League-Docomo Pacific Cup last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

With the victory, Marianas Resort improved to a 3-1 record and stays in second place in the team standings behind the unbeaten Blue Haus (3-0), which incidentally halted the former's three-game winning streak two weeks ago. Marianas Resort had a weeklong break after absorbing its first loss in the league and came out strong when it returned to court against the winless Degree (0-4), dominating the match from start to finish.

Jorge De Guzman fired up
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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Mariana Resort's Joseph Galulu pulls up for a jumper against PIC Chefs defenders during an earlier game in the Emon Lodge-Docomo Pacific Cup at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.